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COMPOSITION, FORMULATIONS & METHOD FOR PREVENTION &
TREATMENT OF DISEASES AND CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH
BRONCHOCONSTRICTION, ALLERGY(IES) & INFLAMMATION

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

This invention was made at least partially with United States Government support under grant ROICA47217-06 from the National Cancer Institute. The Government may have certain rights to this invention.

Related Applications

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/472,527, filed June 7, 1995, CPA filed February 27, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,040,296; a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/757,024, filed November 26, 1996, by Jonathan W. Nyce, now U.S. Patent No. 6,025,339, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/472,527, filed June 7, 1995; and a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial Nos. 08/474,497 filed June 7, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,994,315, and 09/016,464, filed January 30, 1998, by Jonathan W. Nyce and W. James Metzger, CPA filed June 3, 1998, now pending.

Field of the Invention

This invention relates to compositions and formulations of oligonucleotides and surfactants, which are highly effective for the prevention and treatment of diseases and conditions associated with difficult breathing, bronchoconstriction, impeded airways, allergy(ies) and inflammation of the lungs.

Description of the Background

Adenosine A₁-mediated diseases and conditions, such as asthma and Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS), among others, are common diseases in industrialized countries, and in the United States alone account for extremely high health care costs. These diseases or conditions have recently been increasing at an alarming rate, both in terms of prevalence and mortality. Occupational asthma is

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predicted to be the preeminent occupational lung disease in the next decade. In many of these, the underlying causes remain poorly understood.

Adenosine, a natural nucleoside, may constitute an important natural mediator of bronchial asthma and ARDS. The potential role of adenosine in these diseases or conditions is supported by experimental findings that, for example and in contrast to normal individuals, asthmatics respond to aerosolized adenosine with marked bronchoconstriction. Similarly, asthmatic rabbits produced using the dust mite allergic rabbit model of human asthma also were shown to respond to aerosolized adenosine with marked bronchoconstriction, while non-asthmatic rabbits showed no response. Recent work using this model system has suggested that adenosine-mediated bronchoconstriction in asthma is mediated through the stimulation of the adenosine A₁ receptor. Other experimental data suggest the possibility that adenosine receptors may also be involved in allergic and inflammatory responses.

Adenosine receptor antagonists, such as theophylline, are known to counter adenosine-mediated bronchoconstriction in asthmatic rabbits. Pre-treatment with another adenosine A₁-specific receptor antagonist, 8-cyclopentyl-1, 3-dipropylxanthine (DPCPX), also inhibited adenosine-mediated bronchoconstriction and bronchial hyper-responsiveness in an allergic rabbit model. The therapeutic potential, however, of currently available adenosine A₁ receptor-specific antagonists is drastically limited by their toxicity. Theophylline, for example, although widely used in the treatment of asthma, may result in frequent and significant toxicity because of its narrow therapeutic dose range.

The availability of a novel strategy to prevent and/or counter adenosine receptor-associated effects of disorders and conditions associated with symptoms such as pulmonary bronchoconstriction, impeded respiration, inflammation and allergy (ies), among others, of great practical importance. Such technology is clearly applicable to the treatment of ailments including Acute Respiratory Disorder Syndrome (ARDS), asthma, respiratory distress syndrome, pain, cystic fibrosis,

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pulmonary hypertension, pulmonary vasoconstriction, emphysema, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and cancers such as leukemias, lymphomas, carcinomas, and the like, including colon cancer, breast cancer, lung cancer, pancreatic cancer, hepatocellular carcinoma, kidney cancer, melanoma, hepatic metastases, etc., as well as all types of cancers which may metastasize or have metastasized to the lung(s), including breast and prostate cancer would clearly find an immediate therapeutic application. Similarly, a composition and method which are suitable for administration before, during and after other treatments, including radiation, chemotherapy, antibody therapy, phototherapy and cancer, and other types of surgery, and that may be effectively administered preventatively, prophylactically or therapeutically, and in conjunction with other therapies, or by itself for conditions without known therapies or as a substitute for therapies that have significant negative side effects is also of immediate clinical application.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a pharmaceutical composition effective to alleviate bronchoconstriction, allergy and/or inflammation, comprising a surfactant, and an anti-adenosine A₁, A_{2b} or A₃ receptor or anti-adenosine A_{2a} receptor oligonucleotide exhibiting at least some adenosine A₁, A_{2b} or A₃ receptor inhibitory activity, analogues thereof which bind to thymidine but evidence either reduced adenosine content or reduced adenosine receptor activating activity, combinations thereof, physiologically acceptable salts thereof or mixtures thereof. The composition of this invention may be formulated for administration by various different routes, such as topical and systemic, e.g. oral, parenteral, inhalable, and the like, and are generally administered in amounts which prevent or reduce adenosine receptor associated side effects such as bronchoconstriction, allergy(ies), inflammation and airway obstruction, among others. The present compositions and formulations, thus, are suitable for the prevention and alleviation of adenosine receptor associated

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bronchoconstriction, allergy and/or inflammation and, therefore, in the treatment of Acute Respiratory Disorder Syndrome (ARDS), asthma, side effects associated with adenosine administration in SupraVentricular Tachycardia (SVT) and in stress tests to hyper-sensitized individuals, ischemia, renal damage or failure induced by certain drugs, respiratory distress syndrome, pain, cystic fibrosis, pulmonary hypertension, pulmonary vasoconstriction, emphysema, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and cancers such as leukemias, lymphomas, carcinomas, and the like, including colon cancer, breast cancer, lung cancer, pancreatic cancer, hepatocellular carcinoma, kidney cancer, melanoma, hepatic metastases, etc., as well as all types of cancers which may metastasize or have metastasized to the lung(s), including breast and prostate cancer, among others. The present technology is also applicable in conjunction with other procedures and/or other therapies, including other therapeutic agents such as antibody therapy and chemotherapy, among others, radiation, phototherapy, and cancer and other types of surgery, and is effectively administered preventatively, prophylactically or therapeutically.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 illustrates the effects of A₁ adenosine receptor anti-sense oligonucleotides and mismatch control anti-sense oligonucleotides on the dynamic compliance of the bronchial airway in a rabbit model. The two stars represent significant difference at $p < 0.01$, Student's t-test.

Figure 2 illustrates the specificity of A₁ adenosine receptor anti-sense oligonucleotides as indicated by the A₁ and A₂ adenosine receptor number present in airway tissue treated with A₁ adenosine receptor anti-sense oligonucleotides.

Figures 3a and 3b illustrate the response of two hyper-responsive monkeys (ascaris sensitive) to a challenge with inhaled adenosine. The right hand bar represents the PC₄₀ adenosine after administration of the Oligo I, whereas the left hand bar represents the PC₄₀ adenosine value prior to treatment with the Oligo I. The

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PC₄₀ adenosine, represented in the Y axis, is the amount of adenosine in mg that causes a 40% decrease in dynamic compliance in hyper-responsive airways.

Figure 3a represents the experimental results obtained without and with pre-treatment of a first monkeys with a phosphorothioate agent of the invention (anti-sense oligo I; SEQ. ID NO: 1), prior to administration of adenosine.

Figure 3b represents the experimental results obtained without and with pre-treatment of a second monkey with a phosphorothioate agent of this invention (anti-sense oligo I; SEQ. ID NO:1), prior to administration of adenosine.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

This invention arose from a desire by the inventor to improve on his own prior technology for the treatment of acute bronchoconstriction, allergy and/or inflammation associated with various diseases and conditions, including Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS), asthma, adenosine administration e.g. in the treatment of SupraVentricular Tachycardia (SVT) and other arrhythmias, and in stress tests to hyper-sensitized individuals, ischemia, renal damage or failure induced by certain drugs, infantile respiratory distress syndrome, pain, cystic fibrosis, pulmonary hypertension, pulmonary vasoconstriction, emphysema, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and cancers such as leukemias, lymphomas, carcinomas, and the like, including colon cancer, breast cancer, lung cancer, pancreatic cancer, hepatocellular carcinoma, kidney cancer, melanoma, hepatic metastases, etc., as well as all types of cancers which may metastasize or have metastasized to the lung(s), including breast and prostate cancer. The inventor, in addition, wanted to provide a treatment which would improve the outcome and life stile of patients undergoing other procedures or being administered other therapies, including antibody therapy, chemotherapy, radiation, phototherapy, and surgery e.g. cancer surgery, and that could be effectively administered preventatively, prophylactically or therapeutically.

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improved compositions, formulations and methods which afford greatly improved results when compared with previously known treatments for preventing and alleviating bronchoconstriction, allergy(ies), inflammation, breathing difficulties and blockage of airways. The nucleic acid and surfactant components of the bare bone composition of the invention may be formulated alone with a carrier, or with other therapeutic agents and formulation agents as is known in the art. The compositions of this invention, thus, may be incorporated into a variety of formulations for systemic and topical administration.

In the past, anti-sense oligonucleotides received considerable theoretical consideration as being potentially useful as pharmacologic agents for the treatment of human disease. R. Wagner, *Nature* 372: 333-335 (1994). However, it has been difficult to actually apply these molecules to alleviating and curing human diseases. . One important consideration in the pharmacologic application of these molecules has been the failure of various routes of administration to deliver the compounds to its target while avoiding invading the circulation and, therefore, other untargeted tissues which, thus, produces a plethora of side effects. Most in vivo experiments utilizing anti-sense oligonucleotides involved a direct application of the oligo to limited regions of the brain. See, C. Wahlestedt, *Trends in Pharmacol. Sci.* 15: 42-46 (1994); J. Lai et al., *Neuroreport* 5: 1049-1052 (1994); K. Standifer et al., *Neuron* 12: 805-810 (1994); A. Akabayashi et al., *Brain Res.* 21: 55-61 (1994). Others applied them into the spinal fluid. See, e.g. L. Tseng et al., *European J. Pharmacol.* 258: R1-3 (1994); R. Raffa et al., *European J. Pharmacol.* 258: R5-7 (1994); F. Gillardon et al., *European J. Neurosci.* 6: 880-884 (1994). Such applications, clearly, have no practical clinical utility due to their invasive nature. Thus, the systemic administration of anti-sense oligonucleotides poses significant problems with respect to their pharmacologic application, not the least of which is the difficulty in selectively targeting disease-involved tissues.

The systemic administration of anti-sense oligonucleotides also poses

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significant problems with respect to their pharmacologic application, not the least of which is the difficulty in selectively targeting disease-involved tissues. The respiratory system, and in particular the lung, as the ultimate port of entry into the organism, however, is an excellent route of administration for anti-sense oligonucleotides. This is so not only for the treatment of lung disease, but also when utilizing the lung as a means for delivery, particularly because of its non-invasive and tissue-specific nature. Thus, local delivery of antisense oligonucleotides directly to the target tissue enables the therapeutic use of these compounds. Fomivirsen (ISIS 2302) is an example of a local drug delivery into the eye to treat cytomegalovirus (CMV) retinitis, for which a new drug application has been filed by ISIS. The administration of a drug through the lung offers the further advantage that inhalation is non-invasive whereas direct injection in to the vitreous of the eye is invasive.

The composition and formulations of this invention have been shown to have an exceedingly high efficacy for preventing and treating a disease or condition associated with bronchoconstriction, difficult breathing, impeded and obstructed lung airways, allergy(ies) and/or inflammation. The examples provided below show a complete inhibition of such adenosine receptor associated symptoms in a rabbit model for human bronchoconstriction, allergy(ies) and inflammation as well as the elimination of the ability of the adenosine receptor agonist par excellence, adenosine, to cause bronchoconstriction in hyper-responsive monkeys, which are animal models for human hyper-responsiveness to adenosine receptor agonists. The pharmaceutical composition and formulations of the invention, therefore, are suitable for preventing and alleviating the symptoms associated with stimulation of adenosine receptors, such as the adenosine A₁ receptors. The compositions and formulations of this invention, thus, are also suitable for prevent the untoward side effects of adenosine-mediated hyperresponsiveness in certain individuals, which are generally seen in diseases affecting respiratory activity. Examples of diseases and conditions, which may be treated preventatively, prophylactically and therapeutically with the compositions and

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formulations of this invention, are pulmonary vasoconstriction, inflammation, allergies, asthma, impeded respiration, Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS), renal damage and failure associated with ischemia as well as the administration of certain drugs, side effects associated with adenosine administration e.g. in SupraVentricular Tachycardia (SVT) and in adenosine stress tests, infantile Respiratory Distress Syndrome (infantile RDS), pain, cystic fibrosis, pulmonary hypertension, pulmonary vasoconstriction, emphysema, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and cancers such as leukemias, lymphomas, carcinomas, and the like, e.g. colon cancer, breast cancer, lung cancer, pancreatic cancer, hepatocellular carcinoma, kidney cancer, melanoma, hepatic metastases, etc., as well as all other metastatic cancers, e.g. cancers which metastasized to the lung(s), breast and prostate. The present compositions and formulations are suitable for administration before, during and after other treatments, including radiation, chemotherapy, antibody therapy, phototherapy and cancer, and other types of surgery. The present compositions and formulations may also be administered effectively as a substitute for therapies that have significant negative side effects.

All nucleotide sequences are represented in this patent by a single strand only, and in the 5' to 3' direction, from left to right. All nucleotide and amino acids are represented in the manner recommended by the IUPAC-IUB Biochemical Nomenclature Commission, or (for amino acids) by three letter code, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.822 and established usage. See, e.g., PatentIn User Manual, 99-102 (Nov. 1990) (U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Office of the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231); U.S. Patent No. 4,871,670 to Hudson et al. at col. 3, lines 20-43. The relevant sections of the disclosures of the above cited, and of all other patents and references cited in this patent are incorporated herein by reference.

The method of the present invention may be used to reduce adenosine receptor associated bronchoconstriction in the lungs of a subject for any reason, including, but

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not limited to, bronchoconstriction, allergy(ies) and/or inflammation. The compositions and formulations of the invention comprise a surfactant and an oligonucleotide which is anti-sense to the adenosine A₁, A_{2b} and A₃ receptors have shown to be effective in the down-regulation of the adenosine A₁, A_{2b} or A₃ receptors, respectively, in the cell. Others which are anti-sense to the adenosine A_{2a} receptor are also effective as long as they have some adenosine A₁ inhibitory activity. One novel feature of this treatment, as compared to traditional treatments for adenosine-mediated bronchoconstriction and other symptoms, is that the compositions and formulations of this invention may be administered directly into the respiratory system of an individual, and even to his/her lungs. In addition, the present treatment may reduce the amount or level of a receptor protein itself rather than merely acting at the receptor as is the case with treatments and/or where the agent is merely an antagonist acting at the receptor site. The selective characteristic of the present compositions and formulations along with their administration by a selected route results in reduced toxicity.

As used herein, the terms "prevent", "preventing", "treat" or "treating" refer to a preventative or therapeutic treatment which decreases the likelihood that the subject administered such treatment will manifest symptoms associated with adenosine receptor stimulation. The term "down-regulate" refers to inducing a decrease in production, secretion or availability and, thus, a decrease in concentration, of intracellular adenosine A₁, A_{2b} or A₃ receptor or an increase in concentration of the adenosine A_{2a} receptor. Although the present invention is primarily concerned with the treatment of human subjects, it is also applicable to the treatment of animals, such as other vertebrates, including mammals, large and small, wild and domesticated, including pets, e.g. dogs and cats, for veterinary purposes. In general, "anti-sense" refers to small, many times synthetic, oligonucleotides, resembling single-stranded DNA, targeted to a specific gene, its flanking regions, mRNA or protein encoded by the gene and mRNA, which may be utilized for inhibiting gene expression by

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inhibiting the function of the target messenger RNA (mRNA). Milligan, J. F. et al., *J. Med. Chem.* 36(14), 1923-1937 (1993). The present invention, thus, is intended for inhibiting gene expression of the adenosine A₁, A_{2b} or A₃ receptor as well as for promoting the gene expression of the adenosine A_{2a} receptor. As is generally known in the art, the inhibition of gene expression may be brought about through anti-sense oligonucleotide hybridization to the coding (sense) sequences in a specific messenger RNA (mRNA) target, e.g. by hydrogen bonding according to Watson-Crick base pairing rules. In general, the exogenously administered anti-sense oligos decrease the mRNA and protein levels of the target gene or cause changes in the growth characteristics or shapes of the cells. *Ibid.* See, also Helene, C. and Toulme, J., *Biochim. Biophys. Acta* 1049: 99-125 (1990); Cohen, J. S., Ed., *Oligodeoxynucleotides as Antisense Inhibitors of Gene Expression*; CRC Press: Boca Raton, FL (1987). As used herein, "adenosine receptor anti-sense oligonucleotide" is a short sequence of synthetic nucleotide that (1) hybridizes to any coding sequence in an mRNA which codes for an adenosine receptor, e.g., the adenosine A₁, A_{2b} or A₃ receptor, under in vivo hybridization conditions described below, and that (2) upon hybridization causes a decrease in gene expression of the adenosine A₁, A_{2b} or A₃ receptor.

The mRNA sequence of the adenosine A₁, A_{2b} and A₃ receptors may be derived from the DNA base sequences of the genes expressing either the adenosine A₁, A_{2b} and A₃ receptors. The sequence of the genomic human adenosine A₁ receptor is known and is disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 5,320,962 to G. Stiles et al. The adenosine A_{2b} receptor is also known. See, GenBank, Accession No. X68486; GenBank Accession No. X68487. The adenosine A₃ receptor has been cloned, sequenced and expressed in rat and humans. See, F. Zhou et al., *Proc. Nat'l. Acad. Sci. (USA)* 89:7432 (1992); M.A. Jacobson et al., U.K. Patent Application No. 9304582.1 (1993). The antisense oligonucleotides that down-regulate the production of the adenosine A₁, A_{2b} and A₃ receptor may be produced in accordance with

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standard techniques.

The anti-sense agent of this invention binds specifically with any sequence of a mRNA molecule which encodes an adenosine A₁, A_{2a}, A_{2b} or A₃ receptor, and prevents translation of the mRNA molecule. In one embodiment of the present invention, the anti-sense oligonucleotide has one of the following sequences. In another preferred embodiment, the agent of the invention comprises fragments of these sequences or their combinations as well as sequences with decreased adenosine contents when compared with the natural sequences, where one or more adenosines are replaced by a universal base or adenosine analogue which does not activate adenosine receptors, particularly adenosine A₁ receptors.

5'-GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG-3' (SEQ ID NO:1)

5'-GTT GTT GGG CAT CTT GCC-3' (SEQ ID NO:3)

5'-GTG GGC CTA GCT CTC GCC-3' (SEQ ID NO:5)

In another embodiment of the invention, the sequence of the anti-sense oligonucleotide brackets the initiation codon of the adenosine A₁ receptor, for example that of the human receptor mRNA. Preferred human adenosine A₁ receptor anti-sense oligonucleotide may have the SEQ. ID NO: 7 or any one of its fragments, including one of the following sequences. In another preferred embodiment, fragments of these sequences and/or their combinations are also within the confines of the invention.

5'-GGC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3'
(SEQ. ID NO:7)

5'-GGC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GG-3'
(Fragment 1) (SEQ. ID NO:8)

5'-GGC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG G-3'
(Fragment 2) (SEQ. ID NO:9)

5'-GGC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG -3'
(Fragment 3) (SEQ. ID NO:10)

5'-GGC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CT-3'
(Fragment 4) (SEQ. ID NO:11)

5'-GGC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG C-3'
(Fragment 5) (SEQ. ID NO:12)

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5'-GGC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG -3'
(Fragment 6) (SEQ. ID NO:13)

5'-GGC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AG-3'
(Fragment 7) (SEQ. ID NO:14)

5'-GGC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC A-3'
(Fragment 8) (SEQ. ID NO:15)

5'-GGC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC-3'
(Fragment 9) (SEQ. ID NO:16)

5'-GGC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CA-3'
(Fragment 10) (SEQ. ID NO:17)

5'-GGC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG C-3'
(Fragment 11) (SEQ. ID NO:18)

5'-GGC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG -3'
(Fragment 12) (SEQ. ID NO:19)

5'-GGC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GG-3' (Fragment 13) (SEQ. ID NO:20)

5'-GGC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC G-3' (Fragment 14) (SEQ. ID NO:21)

5'-GGC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC -3' (Fragment 15) (SEQ. ID NO:22)

5'-GGC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GG -3' (Fragment 16) (SEQ. ID NO:23)

5'-GGC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT G -3' (Fragment 17) (SEQ. ID NO:24)

5'-GGC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT -3' (Fragment 18) (SEQ. ID NO:25)

5'-GGC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CA-3' (Fragment 19) (SEQ. ID NO:26)

5'-GGC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG C-3' (Fragment 20) (SEQ. ID NO:27)

5'-GGC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG -3' (Fragment 21) (SEQ. ID NO:28)

5'-GGC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CG -3' (Fragment 22) (SEQ. ID NO:29)

5'-GGC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG C -3' (Fragment 23) (SEQ. ID NO:30)

5'-GGC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG -3' (Fragment 24) (SEQ. ID NO:31)

5'-GGC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GG -3' (Fragment 25) (SEQ. ID NO:32)

5'-GGC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA G -3' (Fragment 26) (SEQ. ID NO:33)

5'-GGC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA -3' (Fragment 27) (SEQ. ID NO:34)

5'-GGC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GG -3' (Fragment 28) (SEQ. ID NO:35)

5'-GGC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT G -3' (Fragment 29) (SEQ. ID NO:36)

5'-GGC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT -3' (Fragment 30) (SEQ. ID NO:37)

5'-GGC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GA-3' (Fragment 31) (SEQ. ID NO:38)

5'-GGC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA G-3' (Fragment 32) (SEQ. ID NO:39)

5'-GGC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA-3' (Fragment 33) (SEQ. ID NO:40)

5'-GGC GGC CTG GAA AGC TG-3' (Fragment 34) (SEQ. ID NO:41)

5'-GGC GGC CTG GAA AGC T-3' (Fragment 35) (SEQ. ID NO:42)

5'-GGC GGC CTG GAA AGC-3' (Fragment 36) (SEQ. ID NO:43)

5'-GGC GGC CTG GAA AG-3' (Fragment 37) (SEQ. ID NO:44)

5'-GGC GGC CTG GAA A-3' (Fragment 38) (SEQ. ID NO:45)

5'-GGC GGC CTG GAA-3' (Fragment 39) (SEQ. ID NO:46)

5'-GGC GGC CTG GA-3' (Fragment 40) (SEQ. ID NO:47)

5'-GGC GGC CTG G-3' (Fragment 41) (SEQ. ID NO:48)

5'-GC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3'
(Fragment 42) (SEQ. ID NO:49)

5'-GC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GG-3'
(Fragment 43) (SEQ. ID NO:50)

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5'-GC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG G-3'
(Fragment 44) (SEQ. ID NO:51)

5'-GC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG -3'
(Fragment 45) (SEQ. ID NO:52)

5'-GC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CT-3'
(Fragment 46) (SEQ. ID NO:53)

5'-GC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG C-3'
(Fragment 47) (SEQ. ID NO:54)

5'-GC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG -3'
(Fragment 48) (SEQ. ID NO:55)

5'-GC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AG-3'
(Fragment 49) (SEQ. ID NO:56)

5'-GC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC A-3'
(Fragment 50) (SEQ. ID NO:57)

5'-GC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC-3'
(Fragment 51) (SEQ. ID NO:58)

5'-GC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CA-3'
(Fragment 52) (SEQ. ID NO:59)

5'-GC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG C-3'
(Fragment 53) (SEQ. ID NO:60)

5'-GC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG -3'
(Fragment 54) (SEQ. ID NO:61)

5'-GC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GG-3' (Fragment 55) (SEQ. ID NO:62)

5'-GC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC G-3' (Fragment 56) (SEQ. ID NO:63)

5'-GC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC -3' (Fragment 57) (SEQ. ID NO:64)

5'-GC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GG -3' (Fragment 58) (SEQ. ID NO:65)

5'-GC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT G -3' (Fragment 59) (SEQ. ID NO:66)

5'-GC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT -3' (Fragment 60) (SEQ. ID NO:67)

5'-GC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CA-3' (Fragment 61) (SEQ. ID NO:68)

5'-GC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG C-3' (Fragment 62) (SEQ. ID NO:69)

5'-GC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG -3' (Fragment 63) (SEQ. ID NO:70)

5'-GC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CG -3' (Fragment 64) (SEQ. ID NO:71)

5'-GC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG C -3' (Fragment 65) (SEQ. ID NO:72)

5'-GC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG -3' (Fragment 66) (SEQ. ID NO:73)

5'-GC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GG -3' (Fragment 67) (SEQ. ID NO:74)

5'-GC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA G -3' (Fragment 68) (SEQ. ID NO:75)

5'-GC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA -3' (Fragment 69) (SEQ. ID NO:76)

5'-GC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GG -3' (Fragment 70) (SEQ. ID NO:77)

5'-GC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT G -3' (Fragment 71) (SEQ. ID NO:78)

5'-GC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT -3' (Fragment 72) (SEQ. ID NO:79)

5'-GC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GA-3' (Fragment 73) (SEQ. ID NO:80)

5'-GC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA G-3' (Fragment 74) (SEQ. ID NO:81)

5'-GC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA-3' (Fragment 75) (SEQ. ID NO:82)

5'-GC GGC CTG GAA AGC TG-3' (Fragment 76) (SEQ. ID NO:83)

5'-GC GGC CTG GAA AGC T-3' (Fragment 77) (SEQ. ID NO:84)

5'-GC GGC CTG GAA AGC-3' (Fragment 78) (SEQ. ID NO:85)

5'-GC GGC CTG GAA AG-3' (Fragment 79) (SEQ. ID NO:86)

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5'-GC GGC CTG GAA A-3' (Fragment 80) (SEQ. ID NO:87)
5'-GC GGC CTG GAA-3' (Fragment 81) (SEQ. ID NO:88)
5'-GC GGC CTG GA-3' (Fragment 82) (SEQ. ID NO:89)
5'-C GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3'
(Fragment 83) (SEQ. ID NO:90)
5'-C GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GG-3'
(Fragment 84) (SEQ. ID NO:91)
5'-C GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG G-3'
(Fragment 85) (SEQ. ID NO:92)
5'-C GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG -3'
(Fragment 86) (SEQ. ID NO:93)
5'-C GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CT-3'
(Fragment 87) (SEQ. ID NO:94)
5'-C GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG C-3'
(Fragment 88) (SEQ. ID NO:95)
5'-C GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG -3'
(Fragment 89) (SEQ. ID NO:96)
5'-C GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AG-3'
(Fragment 90) (SEQ. ID NO:97)
5'-C GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC A-3'
(Fragment 91) (SEQ. ID NO:98)
5'-C GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC-3'
(Fragment 92) (SEQ. ID NO:99)
5'-C GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CA-3'
(Fragment 93) (SEQ. ID NO:100)
5'-C GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG C-3'
(Fragment 94) (SEQ. ID NO:101)
5'-C GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG -3'
(Fragment 95) (SEQ. ID NO:102)
5'-C GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GG-3' (Fragment 96) (SEQ. ID NO:103)
5'-C GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC G-3' (Fragment 97) (SEQ. ID NO:104)
5'-C GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC -3' (Fragment 98) (SEQ. ID NO:105)
5'-C GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GG -3' (Fragment 99) (SEQ. ID NO:106)
5'-C GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT G -3' (Fragment 100) (SEQ. ID NO:107)
5'-C GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT -3' (Fragment 101) (SEQ. ID NO:108)
5'-C GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CA-3' (Fragment 102) (SEQ. ID NO:109)
5'-C GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG C-3' (Fragment 103) (SEQ. ID NO:110)
5'-C GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG -3' (Fragment 104) (SEQ. ID NO:111)
5'-C GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CG -3' (Fragment 105) (SEQ. ID NO:112)
5'-C GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG C -3' (Fragment 106) (SEQ. ID NO:113)
5'-C GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG -3' (Fragment 107) (SEQ. ID NO:114)
5'-C GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GG -3' (Fragment 108) (SEQ. ID NO:115)
5'-C GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA G -3' (Fragment 109) (SEQ. ID NO:116)
5'-C GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA -3' (Fragment 110) (SEQ. ID NO:117)
5'-C GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GG -3' (Fragment 111) (SEQ. ID NO:118)
5'-C GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT G -3' (Fragment 112) (SEQ. ID NO:119)
5'-C GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT -3' (Fragment 113) (SEQ. ID NO:120)

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5'-C GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GA-3' (Fragment 114) (SEQ. ID NO:121)
5'-C GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA G-3' (Fragment 115) (SEQ. ID NO:122)
5'-C GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA-3' (Fragment 116) (SEQ. ID NO:123)
5'-C GGC CTG GAA AGC TG-3' (Fragment 117) (SEQ. ID NO:124)
5'-C GGC CTG GAA AGC T-3' (Fragment 118) (SEQ. ID NO:125)
5'-C GGC CTG GAA AGC-3' (Fragment 119) (SEQ. ID NO:126)
5'-C GGC CTG GAA AG-3' (Fragment 120) (SEQ. ID NO:127)
5'-C GGC CTG GAA A-3' (Fragment 121) (SEQ. ID NO:128)
5'-C GGC CTG GAA-3' (Fragment 122) (SEQ. ID NO:129)
5'- GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3'
(Fragment 123) (SEQ. ID NO:130)
5'- GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GG-3'
(Fragment 124) (SEQ. ID NO:131)
5'- GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG G-3'
(Fragment 125) (SEQ. ID NO:132)
5'- GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG -3'
(Fragment 126) (SEQ. ID NO:133)
5'- GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CT-3'
(Fragment 127) (SEQ. ID NO:134)
5'- GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG C-3'
(Fragment 128) (SEQ. ID NO:135)
5'- GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG -3'
(Fragment 129) (SEQ. ID NO:136)
5'- GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AG-3'
(Fragment 130) (SEQ. ID NO:137)
5'- GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC A-3'
(Fragment 131) (SEQ. ID NO:138)
5'- GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC-3'
(Fragment 132) (SEQ. ID NO:139)
5'- GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CA-3'
(Fragment 133) (SEQ. ID NO:140)
5'- GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG C-3'
(Fragment 134) (SEQ. ID NO:141)
5'- GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG -3' (Fragment 135) (SEQ. ID NO:142) 5'-
GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GG-3' (Fragment 136) (SEQ. ID NO:143)
5'- GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC G-3' (Fragment 137) (SEQ. ID NO:144)
5'- GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC -3' (Fragment 138) (SEQ. ID NO:145)
5'- GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GG -3' (Fragment 139) (SEQ. ID NO:146)
5'- GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT G -3' (Fragment 140) (SEQ. ID NO:147)
5'- GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT -3' (Fragment 141) (SEQ. ID NO:148)
5'- GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CA-3' (Fragment 142) (SEQ. ID NO:149)
5'- GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG C-3' (Fragment 143) (SEQ. ID NO:150)
5'- GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG -3' (Fragment 144) (SEQ. ID NO:151)
5'- GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CG -3' (Fragment 145) (SEQ. ID NO:152)
5'- GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG C -3' (Fragment 146) (SEQ. ID NO:153)
5'- GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG -3' (Fragment 147) (SEQ. ID NO:154)
5'- GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GG -3' (Fragment 148) (SEQ. ID NO:155)

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5'- GC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG C -3' (Fragment 185) (SEQ. ID NO:192)
5'- GC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG -3' (Fragment 186) (SEQ. ID NO:193)
5'- GC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GG -3' (Fragment 187) (SEQ. ID NO:194)
5'- GC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA G -3' (Fragment 188) (SEQ. ID NO:195)
5'- GC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA -3' (Fragment 189) (SEQ. ID NO:196)
5'- GC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GG -3' (Fragment 190) (SEQ. ID NO:197)
5'- GC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT G -3' (Fragment 191) (SEQ. ID NO:198)
5'- GC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT -3' (Fragment 192) (SEQ. ID NO:199)
5'- GC CTG GAA AGC TGA GA-3' (Fragment 193) (SEQ. ID NO:200)
5'- GC CTG GAA AGC TGA G-3' (Fragment 194) (SEQ. ID NO:201)
5'- GC CTG GAA AGC TGA-3' (Fragment 195) (SEQ. ID NO:202)
5'- GC CTG GAA AGC TG-3' (Fragment 196) (SEQ. ID NO:203)
5'- GC CTG GAA AGC T-3' (Fragment 197) (SEQ. ID NO:204)
5'- GC CTG GAA AGC-3' (Fragment 198) (SEQ. ID NO:205)
5'- GC CTG GAA AG-3' (Fragment 199) (SEQ. ID NO:206)
5'- C CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3'
(Fragment 200) (SEQ. ID NO:207)
5'- C CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GG-3'
(Fragment 201) (SEQ. ID NO:208)
5'- C CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG G-3'
(Fragment 202) (SEQ. ID NO:209)
5'- C CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG -3'
(Fragment 203) (SEQ. ID NO:210)
5'- C CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CT-3'
(Fragment 204) (SEQ. ID NO:211)
5'- C CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG C-3'
(Fragment 205) (SEQ. ID NO:212)
5'- C CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG -3'
(Fragment 206) (SEQ. ID NO:213)
5'- C CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AG-3'
(Fragment 207) (SEQ. ID NO:214)
5'- C CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC A-3'
(Fragment 208) (SEQ. ID NO:215)

5'- C CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC-3'
(Fragment 209) (SEQ. ID NO:216)
5'- C CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CA-3' (Fragment 210) (SEQ. ID NO:217) 5'-
C CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG C-3' (Fragment 211) (SEQ. ID NO:218)
5'- C CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG -3' (Fragment 212) (SEQ. ID NO:219)
5'- C CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GG-3' (Fragment 213) (SEQ. ID NO:220)
5'- C CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC G-3' (Fragment 214) (SEQ. ID NO:221)
5'- C CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC -3' (Fragment 215) (SEQ. ID NO:222)
5'- C CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GG -3' (Fragment 216) (SEQ. ID NO:223)
5'- C CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT G -3' (Fragment 217) (SEQ. ID NO:224)
5'- C CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT -3' (Fragment 218) (SEQ. ID NO:225)
5'- C CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CA-3' (Fragment 219) (SEQ. ID NO:226)
5'- C CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG C-3' (Fragment 220) (SEQ. ID NO:227)

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5'- C CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG -3' (Fragment 221) (SEQ. ID NO:228)
5'- C CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CG -3' (Fragment 222) (SEQ. ID NO:229)
5'- C CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG C -3' (Fragment 223) (SEQ. ID NO:230)
5'- C CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG -3' (Fragment 224) (SEQ. ID NO:231)
5'- C CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GG -3' (Fragment 225) (SEQ. ID NO:232)
5'- C CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA G -3' (Fragment 226) (SEQ. ID NO:233)
5'- C CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA -3' (Fragment 227) (SEQ. ID NO:234)
5'- C CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GG -3' (Fragment 228) (SEQ. ID NO:235)
5'- C CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT G -3' (Fragment 229) (SEQ. ID NO:236)
5'- C CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT -3' (Fragment 230) (SEQ. ID NO:237)
5'- C CTG GAA AGC TGA GA-3' (Fragment 231) (SEQ. ID NO:238)
5'- C CTG GAA AGC TGA G-3' (Fragment 232) (SEQ. ID NO:239)
5'- C CTG GAA AGC TGA-3' (Fragment 233) (SEQ. ID NO:240)
5'- C CTG GAA AGC TG-3' (Fragment 234) (SEQ. ID NO:241)
5'- C CTG GAA AGC T-3' (Fragment 235) (SEQ. ID NO:242)
5'- C CTG GAA AGC-3' (Fragment 236) (SEQ. ID NO:243)
5'- CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3'
(Fragment 237) (SEQ. ID NO:244)
5'- CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GG-3'
(Fragment 238) (SEQ. ID NO:245)
5'- CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG G-3'
(Fragment 239) (SEQ. ID NO:246)
5'- CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG -3'
(Fragment 240) (SEQ. ID NO:247)
5'- CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CT-3'
(Fragment 241) (SEQ. ID NO:248)
5'- CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG C-3'
(Fragment 242) (SEQ. ID NO:249)
5'- CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG -3'
(Fragment 243) (SEQ. ID NO:250)
5'- CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AG-3'
(Fragment 244) (SEQ. ID NO:251)
5'- CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC A-3'
(Fragment 245) (SEQ. ID NO:252)
5'- CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC-3' (Fragment 246) (SEQ. ID NO:253) 5'-
CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CA-3' (Fragment 247) (SEQ. ID NO:254)
5'- CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG C-3' (Fragment 248) (SEQ. ID NO:255)
5'- CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG -3' (Fragment 249) (SEQ. ID NO:256)
5'- CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GG-3' (Fragment 250) (SEQ. ID NO:257)
5'- CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC G-3' (Fragment 251) (SEQ. ID NO:258)
5'- CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC -3' (Fragment 252) (SEQ. ID NO:259)
5'- CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GG -3' (Fragment 253) (SEQ. ID NO:260)
5'- CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT G -3' (Fragment 254) (SEQ. ID NO:261)
5'- CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT -3' (Fragment 255) (SEQ. ID NO:262)
5'- CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CA-3' (Fragment 256) (SEQ. ID NO:263)
5'- CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG C-3' (Fragment 257) (SEQ. ID NO:264)
5'- CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG -3' (Fragment 258) (SEQ. ID NO:265)

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5'- CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CG -3' (Fragment 259) (SEQ. ID NO:266)
5'- CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG C -3' (Fragment 260) (SEQ. ID NO:267)
5'- CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG -3' (Fragment 261) (SEQ. ID NO:268)
5'- CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GG -3' (Fragment 262) (SEQ. ID NO:269)
5'- CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA G -3' (Fragment 263) (SEQ. ID NO:270)
5'- CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA -3' (Fragment 264) (SEQ. ID NO:271)
5'- CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GG -3' (Fragment 265) (SEQ. ID NO:272)
5'- CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT G -3' (Fragment 266) (SEQ. ID NO:273)
5'- CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT -3' (Fragment 267) (SEQ. ID NO:274)
5'- CTG GAA AGC TGA GA-3' (Fragment 268) (SEQ. ID NO:275)
5'- CTG GAA AGC TGA G-3' (Fragment 269) (SEQ. ID NO:276)
5'- CTG GAA AGC TGA-3' (Fragment 270) (SEQ. ID NO:277)
5'- CTG GAA AGC TG-3' (Fragment 271) (SEQ. ID NO:278)
5'- CTG GAA AGC T-3' (Fragment 272) (SEQ. ID NO:279)
5'- TG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3'
(Fragment 273) (SEQ. ID NO:280)
5'- TG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GG-3'
(Fragment 274) (SEQ. ID NO:281)
5'- TG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG G-3'
(Fragment 275) (SEQ. ID NO:282)
5'- TG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG -3'
(Fragment 276) (SEQ. ID NO:283)
5'- TG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CT-3'
(Fragment 277) (SEQ. ID NO:284)
5'- TG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG C-3'
(Fragment 278) (SEQ. ID NO:285)
5'- TG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG -3'
(Fragment 279) (SEQ. ID NO:286)
5'- TG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AG-3'
(Fragment 280) (SEQ. ID NO:287)
5'- TG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC A-3'
(Fragment 281) (SEQ. ID NO:288)
5'- TG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC-3' (Fragment 282) (SEQ. ID NO:289)
5'- TG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CA-3' (Fragment 283) (SEQ. ID NO:290)
5'- TG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG C-3' (Fragment 284) (SEQ. ID NO:291)
5'- TG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG -3' (Fragment 285) (SEQ. ID NO:292)
5'- TG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GG-3' (Fragment 286) (SEQ. ID NO:293)
5'- TG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC G-3' (Fragment 287) (SEQ. ID NO:294)
5'- TG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC -3' (Fragment 288) (SEQ. ID NO:295)
5'- TG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GG -3' (Fragment 289) (SEQ. ID NO:296)
5'- TG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT G -3' (Fragment 290) (SEQ. ID NO:297)
5'- TG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT -3' (Fragment 291) (SEQ. ID NO:298)
5'- TG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CA-3' (Fragment 292) (SEQ. ID NO:299)
5'- TG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG C-3' (Fragment 293) (SEQ. ID NO:300)
5'- TG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG -3' (Fragment 294) (SEQ. ID NO:301)
5'- TG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CG -3' (Fragment 295) (SEQ. ID NO:302)
5'- TG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG C -3' (Fragment 296) (SEQ. ID NO:303)

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5'- TG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG -3' (Fragment 297) (SEQ. ID NO:304)
5'- TG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GG -3' (Fragment 298) (SEQ. ID NO:305)
5'- TG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA G -3' (Fragment 299) (SEQ. ID NO:306)
5'- TG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA -3' (Fragment 300) (SEQ. ID NO:307)
5'- TG GAA AGC TGA GAT GG -3' (Fragment 301) (SEQ. ID NO:308)
5'- TG GAA AGC TGA GAT G -3' (Fragment 302) (SEQ. ID NO:309)
5'- TG GAA AGC TGA GAT -3' (Fragment 303) (SEQ. ID NO:310)
5'- TG GAA AGC TGA GA-3' (Fragment 304) (SEQ. ID NO:311)
5'- TG GAA AGC TGA G-3' (Fragment 305) (SEQ. ID NO:312)
5'- TG GAA AGC TGA-3' (Fragment 306) (SEQ. ID NO:313)
5'- TG GAA AGC TG-3' (Fragment 307) (SEQ. ID NO:314)
5'- G GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3'
(Fragment 308) (SEQ. ID NO:315)
5'- G GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GG-3'
(Fragment 309) (SEQ. ID NO:316)
5'- G GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG G-3'
(Fragment 310) (SEQ. ID NO:317)
5'- G GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG -3'
(Fragment 311) (SEQ. ID NO:318)
5'- G GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CT-3'
(Fragment 312) (SEQ. ID NO:319)
5'- G GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG C-3'
(Fragment 313) (SEQ. ID NO:320)
5'- G GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG -3'
(Fragment 314) (SEQ. ID NO:321)
5'- G GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AG-3'
(Fragment 315) (SEQ. ID NO:322)
5'- G GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC A-3' (Fragment 316) (SEQ. ID NO:323)
5'- G GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC-3' (Fragment 317) (SEQ. ID NO:324)
5'- G GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CA-3' (Fragment 318) (SEQ. ID NO:325)
5'- G GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG C-3' (Fragment 319) (SEQ. ID NO:326)
5'- G GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG -3' (Fragment 320) (SEQ. ID NO:327)
5'- G GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GG -3' (Fragment 321) (SEQ. ID NO:328)
5'- G GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC G-3' (Fragment 322) (SEQ. ID NO:329)
5'- G GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC -3' (Fragment 323) (SEQ. ID NO:330)
5'- G GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GG -3' (Fragment 324) (SEQ. ID NO:331)
5'- G GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT G -3' (Fragment 325) (SEQ. ID NO:332)
5'- G GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT -3' (Fragment 326) (SEQ. ID NO:333)
5'- G GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CA-3' (Fragment 327) (SEQ. ID NO:334)
5'- G GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG C-3' (Fragment 328) (SEQ. ID NO:335)
5'- G GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG -3' (Fragment 329) (SEQ. ID NO:336)
5'- G GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CG -3' (Fragment 330) (SEQ. ID NO:337)
5'- G GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG C -3' (Fragment 331) (SEQ. ID NO:338)
5'- G GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG -3' (Fragment 332) (SEQ. ID NO:339)
5'- G GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GG -3' (Fragment 333) (SEQ. ID NO:340)
5'- G GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA G -3' (Fragment 334) (SEQ. ID NO:341)
5'- G GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA -3' (Fragment 335) (SEQ. ID NO:342)

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5'- G GAA AGC TGA GAT GG -3' (Fragment 336) (SEQ. ID NO:343)
5'- G GAA AGC TGA GAT G -3' (Fragment 337) (SEQ. ID NO:344)
5'- G GAA AGC TGA GAT -3' (Fragment 338) (SEQ. ID NO:345)
5'- G GAA AGC TGA GA-3' (Fragment 339) (SEQ. ID NO:346)
5'- G GAA AGC TGA G-3' (Fragment 340) (SEQ. ID NO:347)
5'- G GAA AGC TGA-3' (Fragment 341) (SEQ. ID NO:348)
5'- GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3'
(Fragment 342) (SEQ. ID NO:349)
5'- GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GG-3'
(Fragment 343) (SEQ. ID NO:350)
5'- GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG G-3'
(Fragment 344) (SEQ. ID NO:351)
5'- GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG -3'
(Fragment 345) (SEQ. ID NO:352)
5'- GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CT-3'
(Fragment 346) (SEQ. ID NO:353)
5'- GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG C-3'
(Fragment 347) (SEQ. ID NO:354)
5'- GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG -3'
(Fragment 348) (SEQ. ID NO:355)
5'- GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AG-3'
(Fragment 349) (SEQ. ID NO:356)
5'- GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC A-3' (Fragment 350) (SEQ. ID NO:357)
5'- GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC-3' (Fragment 351) (SEQ. ID NO:358)
5'- GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CA-3' (Fragment 352) (SEQ. ID NO:359)
5'- GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG C-3' (Fragment 353) (SEQ. ID NO:360)
5'- GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG -3' (Fragment 354) (SEQ. ID NO:361)
5'- GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GG-3' (Fragment 355) (SEQ. ID NO:362)
5'- GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC G-3' (Fragment 356) (SEQ. ID NO:363)
5'- GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC -3' (Fragment 357) (SEQ. ID NO:364)
5'- GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GG -3' (Fragment 358) (SEQ. ID NO:365)
5'- GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT G -3' (Fragment 359) (SEQ. ID NO:366)
5'- GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT -3' (Fragment 360) (SEQ. ID NO:367)
5'- GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CA-3' (Fragment 361) (SEQ. ID NO:368)
5'- GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG C-3' (Fragment 362) (SEQ. ID NO:369)
5'- GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG -3' (Fragment 363) (SEQ. ID NO:370)
5'- GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CG -3' (Fragment 364) (SEQ. ID NO:371)
5'- GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG C -3' (Fragment 365) (SEQ. ID NO:372)
5'- GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG -3' (Fragment 366) (SEQ. ID NO:373)
5'- GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GG -3' (Fragment 367) (SEQ. ID NO:374)
5'- GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA G -3' (Fragment 368) (SEQ. ID NO:375)
5'- GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA -3' (Fragment 369) (SEQ. ID NO:376)
5'- GAA AGC TGA GAT GG -3' (Fragment 370) (SEQ. ID NO:377)
5'- GAA AGC TGA GAT G -3' (Fragment 371) (SEQ. ID NO:378)
5'- GAA AGC TGA GAT -3' (Fragment 372) (SEQ. ID NO:379)
5'- GAA AGC TGA GA-3' (Fragment 373) (SEQ. ID NO:380)
5'- GAA AGC TGA G-3' (Fragment 374) (SEQ. ID NO:381)

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- 5'- AA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3'
(Fragment 375) (SEQ. ID NO:382)
- 5'- AA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GG-3'
(Fragment 376) (SEQ. ID NO:383)
- 5'- AA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG G-3'
(Fragment 377) (SEQ. ID NO:384)
- 5'- AA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG -3'
(Fragment 378) (SEQ. ID NO:385)
- 5'- AA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CT-3'
(Fragment 379) (SEQ. ID NO:386)
- 5'- AA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG C-3'
(Fragment 380) (SEQ. ID NO:387)
- 5'- AA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG -3' (Fragment 381) (SEQ. ID NO:388) 5'-
AA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AG-3' (Fragment 382) (SEQ. ID NO:389)
- 5'- AA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC A-3' (Fragment 383) (SEQ. ID NO:390)
- 5'- AA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC-3' (Fragment 384) (SEQ. ID NO:391)
- 5'- AA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CA-3' (Fragment 385) (SEQ. ID NO:392)
- 5'- AA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG C-3' (Fragment 386) (SEQ. ID NO:393)
- 5'- AA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG -3' (Fragment 387) (SEQ. ID NO:394)
- 5'- AA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GG-3' (Fragment 388) (SEQ. ID NO:395)
- 5'- AA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC G-3' (Fragment 389) (SEQ. ID NO:396)
- 5'- AA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC -3' (Fragment 390) (SEQ. ID NO:397)
- 5'- AA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GG -3' (Fragment 391) (SEQ. ID NO:398)
- 5'- AA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT G -3' (Fragment 392) (SEQ. ID NO:399)
- 5'- AA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT -3' (Fragment 393) (SEQ. ID NO:400)
- 5'- AA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CA-3' (Fragment 394) (SEQ. ID NO:401)
- 5'- AA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG C-3' (Fragment 395) (SEQ. ID NO:402)
- 5'- AA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG -3' (Fragment 396) (SEQ. ID NO:403)
- 5'- AA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CG -3' (Fragment 397) (SEQ. ID NO:404)
- 5'- AA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG C -3' (Fragment 398) (SEQ. ID NO:405)
- 5'- AA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG -3' (Fragment 399) (SEQ. ID NO:406)
- 5'- AA AGC TGA GAT GGA GG -3' (Fragment 400) (SEQ. ID NO:407)
- 5'- AA AGC TGA GAT GGA G -3' (Fragment 401) (SEQ. ID NO:408)
- 5'- AA AGC TGA GAT GGA -3' (Fragment 402) (SEQ. ID NO:409)
- 5'- AA AGC TGA GAT GG -3' (Fragment 403) (SEQ. ID NO:410)
- 5'- AA AGC TGA GAT G -3' (Fragment 404) (SEQ. ID NO:411)
- 5'- AA AGC TGA GAT -3' (Fragment 405) (SEQ. ID NO:412)
- 5'- AA AGC TGA GA-3' (Fragment 406) (SEQ. ID NO:413)
- 5'- A AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3'
(Fragment 407) (SEQ. ID NO:414)
- 5'- A AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GG-3'
(Fragment 408) (SEQ. ID NO:415)
- 5'- A AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG G-3'
(Fragment 409) (SEQ. ID NO:416)
- 5'- A AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG -3'
(Fragment 410) (SEQ. ID NO:417)
- 5'- A AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CT-3'

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(Fragment 411) (SEQ. ID NO:418)

- 5'- A AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG C-3' (Fragment 412) (SEQ. ID NO:419) 5'-
A AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG -3' (Fragment 413) (SEQ. ID NO:420)
5'- A AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AG-3' (Fragment 414) (SEQ. ID NO:421)
5'- A AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC A-3' (Fragment 415) (SEQ. ID NO:422)
5'- A AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC-3' (Fragment 416) (SEQ. ID NO:423)
5'- A AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CA-3' (Fragment 417) (SEQ. ID NO:424)
5'- A AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG C-3' (Fragment 418) (SEQ. ID NO:425)
5'- A AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG -3' (Fragment 419) (SEQ. ID NO:426)
5'- A AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GG-3' (Fragment 420) (SEQ. ID NO:427)
5'- A AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC G-3' (Fragment 421) (SEQ. ID NO:428)
5'- A AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC -3' (Fragment 422) (SEQ. ID NO:429)
5'- A AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GG -3' (Fragment 423) (SEQ. ID NO:430)
5'- A AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT G -3' (Fragment 424) (SEQ. ID NO:431)
5'- A AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT -3' (Fragment 425) (SEQ. ID NO:432)
5'- A AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CA-3' (Fragment 426) (SEQ. ID NO:433)
5'- A AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG C-3' (Fragment 427) (SEQ. ID NO:434)
5'- A AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG -3' (Fragment 428) (SEQ. ID NO:435)
5'- A AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CG -3' (Fragment 429) (SEQ. ID NO:436)
5'- A AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG C -3' (Fragment 430) (SEQ. ID NO:437)
5'- A AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG -3' (Fragment 431) (SEQ. ID NO:438)
5'- A AGC TGA GAT GGA GG -3' (Fragment 432) (SEQ. ID NO:439)
5'- A AGC TGA GAT GGA G -3' (Fragment 433) (SEQ. ID NO:440)
5'- A AGC TGA GAT GGA -3' (Fragment 434) (SEQ. ID NO:441)
5'- A AGC TGA GAT GG -3' (Fragment 435) (SEQ. ID NO:442)
5'- A AGC TGA GAT G -3' (Fragment 436) (SEQ. ID NO:443)
5'- A AGC TGA GAT -3' (Fragment 437) (SEQ. ID NO:444)
5'- AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3'
(Fragment 438) (SEQ. ID NO:445)
5'- AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GG-3'
(Fragment 439) (SEQ. ID NO:446)
5'- AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG G-3'
(Fragment 440) (SEQ. ID NO:447)
5'- AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG -3'
(Fragment 441) (SEQ. ID NO:448)
5'- AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CT-3' (Fragment 442) (SEQ. ID NO:449)
5'- AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG C-3' (Fragment 443) (SEQ. ID NO:450)
5'- AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG -3' (Fragment 444) (SEQ. ID NO:451)
5'- AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AG-3' (Fragment 445) (SEQ. ID NO:452)
5'- AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC A-3' (Fragment 446) (SEQ. ID NO:453)
5'- AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC-3' (Fragment 447) (SEQ. ID NO:454)
5'- AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CA-3' (Fragment 448) (SEQ. ID NO:455)
5'- AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG C-3' (Fragment 449) (SEQ. ID NO:456)
5'- AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG -3' (Fragment 450) (SEQ. ID NO:457)
5'- AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GG-3' (Fragment 451) (SEQ. ID NO:458)
5'- AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC G-3' (Fragment 452) (SEQ. ID NO:459)
5'- AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC -3' (Fragment 453) (SEQ. ID NO:460)

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- 5'- AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GG -3' (Fragment 454) (SEQ. ID NO:461)
5'- AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT G -3' (Fragment 455) (SEQ. ID NO:462)
5'- AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT -3' (Fragment 456) (SEQ. ID NO:463)
5'- AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CA-3' (Fragment 457) (SEQ. ID NO:464)
5'- AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG C-3' (Fragment 458) (SEQ. ID NO:465)
5'- AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG -3' (Fragment 459) (SEQ. ID NO:466)
5'- AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CG -3' (Fragment 460) (SEQ. ID NO:467)
5'- AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG C -3' (Fragment 461) (SEQ. ID NO:468)
5'- AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG -3' (Fragment 462) (SEQ. ID NO:469)
5'- AGC TGA GAT GGA GG -3' (Fragment 463) (SEQ. ID NO:470)
5'- AGC TGA GAT GGA G -3' (Fragment 464) (SEQ. ID NO:471)
5'- AGC TGA GAT GGA -3' (Fragment 465) (SEQ. ID NO:472)
5'- AGC TGA GAT GG -3' (Fragment 466) (SEQ. ID NO:473)
5'- AGC TGA GAT G -3' (Fragment 467) (SEQ. ID NO:474)
5'- GC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3'
(Fragment 468) (SEQ. ID NO:475)
5'- GC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GG-3'
(Fragment 469) (SEQ. ID NO:476)
5'- GC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG G-3'
(Fragment 470) (SEQ. ID NO:477)
5'- GC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG -3'
(Fragment 471) (SEQ. ID NO:478)
5'- GC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CT-3' (Fragment 472) (SEQ. ID NO:479)
5'- GC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG C-3' (Fragment 473) (SEQ. ID NO:480)
5'- GC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG -3' (Fragment 474) (SEQ. ID NO:481)
5'- GC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AG-3' (Fragment 475) (SEQ. ID NO:482)
5'- GC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC A-3' (Fragment 476) (SEQ. ID NO:483)
5'- GC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC-3' (Fragment 477) (SEQ. ID NO:484)
5'- GC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CA-3' (Fragment 478) (SEQ. ID NO:485)
5'- GC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG C-3' (Fragment 479) (SEQ. ID NO:486)
5'- GC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG -3' (Fragment 480) (SEQ. ID NO:487)
5'- GC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GG-3' (Fragment 481) (SEQ. ID NO:488)
5'- GC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC G-3' (Fragment 482) (SEQ. ID NO:489)
5'- GC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC -3' (Fragment 483) (SEQ. ID NO:490)
5'- GC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GG -3' (Fragment 484) (SEQ. ID NO:491)
5'- GC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT G -3' (Fragment 485) (SEQ. ID NO:492)
5'- GC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT -3' (Fragment 486) (SEQ. ID NO:493)
5'- GC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CA-3' (Fragment 487) (SEQ. ID NO:494)
5'- GC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG C-3' (Fragment 488) (SEQ. ID NO:495)
5'- GC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG -3' (Fragment 489) (SEQ. ID NO:496)
5'- GC TGA GAT GGA GGG CG -3' (Fragment 490) (SEQ. ID NO:497)
5'- GC TGA GAT GGA GGG C -3' (Fragment 491) (SEQ. ID NO:498)
5'- GC TGA GAT GGA GGG -3' (Fragment 492) (SEQ. ID NO:499)
5'- GC TGA GAT GGA GG -3' (Fragment 493) (SEQ. ID NO:500)
5'- GC TGA GAT GGA G -3' (Fragment 494) (SEQ. ID NO:501)
5'- GC TGA GAT GGA -3' (Fragment 495) (SEQ. ID NO:502)
5'- GC TGA GAT GG -3' (Fragment 496) (SEQ. ID NO:503)

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- 5'- C TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3'
(Fragment 497) (SEQ. ID NO:504)
- 5'- C TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GG-3'
(Fragment 498) (SEQ. ID NO:505)
- 5'- C TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG G-3'
(Fragment 499) (SEQ. ID NO:506)
- 5'- C TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG -3' (Fragment 500) (SEQ. ID NO:507)
- 5'- C TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CT-3' (Fragment 501) (SEQ. ID NO:508)
- 5'- C TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG C-3' (Fragment 502) (SEQ. ID NO:509)
- 5'- C TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG -3' (Fragment 503) (SEQ. ID NO:510)
- 5'- C TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AG-3' (Fragment 504) (SEQ. ID NO:511)
- 5'- C TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC A-3' (Fragment 505) (SEQ. ID NO:512)
- 5'- C TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC-3' (Fragment 506) (SEQ. ID NO:513)
- 5'- C TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CA-3' (Fragment 507) (SEQ. ID NO:514)
- 5'- C TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG C-3' (Fragment 508) (SEQ. ID NO:515)
- 5'- C TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG -3' (Fragment 509) (SEQ. ID NO:516)
- 5'- C TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GG-3' (Fragment 510) (SEQ. ID NO:517)
- 5'- C TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC G-3' (Fragment 511) (SEQ. ID NO:518)
- 5'- C TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC -3' (Fragment 512) (SEQ. ID NO:519)
- 5'- C TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GG -3' (Fragment 513) (SEQ. ID NO:520)
- 5'- C TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT G -3' (Fragment 514) (SEQ. ID NO:521)
- 5'- C TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT -3' (Fragment 515) (SEQ. ID NO:522)
- 5'- C TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CA-3' (Fragment 516) (SEQ. ID NO:523)
- 5'- C TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG C-3' (Fragment 517) (SEQ. ID NO:524)
- 5'- C TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG -3' (Fragment 518) (SEQ. ID NO:525)
- 5'- C TGA GAT GGA GGG CG -3' (Fragment 519) (SEQ. ID NO:526)
- 5'- C TGA GAT GGA GGG C -3' (Fragment 520) (SEQ. ID NO:527)
- 5'- C TGA GAT GGA GGG -3' (Fragment 521) (SEQ. ID NO:528)
- 5'- C TGA GAT GGA GG -3' (Fragment 522) (SEQ. ID NO:529)
- 5'- C TGA GAT GGA G -3' (Fragment 523) (SEQ. ID NO:530)
- 5'- C TGA GAT GGA -3' (Fragment 524) (SEQ. ID NO:531)
- 5'- TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3'
(Fragment 525) (SEQ. ID NO:532)
- 5'- TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GG-3' (Fragment 526) (SEQ. ID NO:533) 5'-
TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG G-3' (Fragment 527) (SEQ. ID NO:534)
- 5'- TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG -3' (Fragment 528) (SEQ. ID NO:535)
- 5'- TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CT-3' (Fragment 529) (SEQ. ID NO:536)
- 5'- TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG C-3' (Fragment 530) (SEQ. ID NO:537)
- 5'- TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG -3' (Fragment 531) (SEQ. ID NO:538)
- 5'- TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AG-3' (Fragment 532) (SEQ. ID NO:539)
- 5'- TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC A-3' (Fragment 533) (SEQ. ID NO:540)
- 5'- TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC-3' (Fragment 534) (SEQ. ID NO:541)
- 5'- TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CA-3' (Fragment 535) (SEQ. ID NO:542)
- 5'- TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG C-3' (Fragment 536) (SEQ. ID NO:543)
- 5'- TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG -3' (Fragment 537) (SEQ. ID NO:544)
- 5'- TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GG-3' (Fragment 538) (SEQ. ID NO:545)
- 5'- TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC G-3' (Fragment 539) (SEQ. ID NO:546)

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5'- TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC -3' (Fragment 540) (SEQ. ID NO:547)
5'- TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GG -3' (Fragment 541) (SEQ. ID NO:548)
5'- TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT G -3' (Fragment 542) (SEQ. ID NO:549)
5'- TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT -3' (Fragment 543) (SEQ. ID NO:550)
5'- TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CA-3' (Fragment 544) (SEQ. ID NO:551)
5'- TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG C-3' (Fragment 545) (SEQ. ID NO:552)
5'- TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG -3' (Fragment 546) (SEQ. ID NO:553)
5'- TGA GAT GGA GGG CG -3' (Fragment 547) (SEQ. ID NO:554)
5'- TGA GAT GGA GGG C -3' (Fragment 548) (SEQ. ID NO:555)
5'- TGA GAT GGA GGG -3' (Fragment 549) (SEQ. ID NO:556)
5'- TGA GAT GGA GG -3' (Fragment 550) (SEQ. ID NO:557)
5'- TGA GAT GGA G -3' (Fragment 551) (SEQ. ID NO:558)
5'- GA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3' (Fragment 552) (SEQ. ID NO:559) 5'-
GA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GG-3' (Fragment 553) (SEQ. ID NO:560)
5'- GA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG G-3' (Fragment 554) (SEQ. ID NO:561)
5'- GA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG -3' (Fragment 555) (SEQ. ID NO:562)
5'- GA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CT-3' (Fragment 556) (SEQ. ID NO:563)
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5'- GA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AG-3' (Fragment 559) (SEQ. ID NO:566)
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5'- G CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG -3' (Fragment 773) (SEQ. ID NO:780)
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5'- G CGG CAT GGC GG-3' (Fragment 780) (SEQ. ID NO:787)
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5'- G CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3' (Fragment 812) (SEQ. ID NO:819)
5'- G CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GG-3' (Fragment 813) (SEQ. ID NO:820)
5'- G CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG G-3' (Fragment 814) (SEQ. ID NO:821)
5'- G CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG -3' (Fragment 815) (SEQ. ID NO:822)
5'- G CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CT-3' (Fragment 816) (SEQ. ID NO:823)
5'- G CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG C-3' (Fragment 817) (SEQ. ID NO:824)
5'- G CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG -3' (Fragment 818) (SEQ. ID NO:825)
5'- G CAT GGC GGG CAC AG-3' (Fragment 819) (SEQ. ID NO:826)
5'- G CAT GGC GGG CAC A-3' (Fragment 820) (SEQ. ID NO:827)
5'- G CAT GGC GGG CAC-3' (Fragment 821) (SEQ. ID NO:828)

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- 5'- G CAT GGC GGG CA-3' (Fragment 822) (SEQ. ID NO:829)
5'- G CAT GGC GGG C-3' (Fragment 823) (SEQ. ID NO:830)
5'- G CAT GGC GGG -3' (Fragment 824) (SEQ. ID NO:831)
5'- CAT GGC GGC CAC AGG CTG GGC-3' (Fragment 825) (SEQ. ID NO:832)
5'- CAT GGC GGC CAC AGG CTG GG-3' (Fragment 826) (SEQ. ID NO:833)
5'- CAT GGC GGC CAC AGG CTG G-3' (Fragment 827) (SEQ. ID NO:834)
5'- CAT GGC GGC CAC AGG CTG -3' (Fragment 828) (SEQ. ID NO:835)
5'- CAT GGC GGC CAC AGG CT-3' (Fragment 829) (SEQ. ID NO:836)
5'- CAT GGC GGC CAC AGG C-3' (Fragment 830) (SEQ. ID NO:837)
5'- CAT GGC GGC CAC AGG -3' (Fragment 831) (SEQ. ID NO:838)
5'- CAT GGC GGC CAC AG-3' (Fragment 832) (SEQ. ID NO:839)
5'- CAT GGC GGC CAC A-3' (Fragment 833) (SEQ. ID NO:840)
5'- CAT GGC GGC CAC-3' (Fragment 834) (SEQ. ID NO:841)
5'- CAT GGC GGC CA-3' (Fragment 835) (SEQ. ID NO:842)
5'- CAT GGC GGC C-3' (Fragment 836) (SEQ. ID NO:843)
5'- AT GGC GGC CAC AGG CTG GGC-3' (Fragment 837) (SEQ. ID NO:844)
5'- AT GGC GGC CAC AGG CTG GG-3' (Fragment 838) (SEQ. ID NO:845)
5'- AT GGC GGC CAC AGG CTG G-3' (Fragment 839) (SEQ. ID NO:846)
5'- AT GGC GGC CAC AGG CTG -3' (Fragment 840) (SEQ. ID NO:847)
5'- AT GGC GGC CAC AGG CT-3' (Fragment 841) (SEQ. ID NO:848)
5'- AT GGC GGC CAC AGG C-3' (Fragment 842) (SEQ. ID NO:849)
5'- AT GGC GGC CAC AGG -3' (Fragment 843) (SEQ. ID NO:850)
5'- AT GGC GGC CAC AG-3' (Fragment 844) (SEQ. ID NO:851)
5'- AT GGC GGC CAC A-3' (Fragment 845) (SEQ. ID NO:852)
5'- AT GGC GGC CAC-3' (Fragment 846) (SEQ. ID NO:853)
5'- AT GGC GGC CA-3' (Fragment 847) (SEQ. ID NO:854)
5'- T GGC GGC CAC AGG CTG GGC-3' (Fragment 848) (SEQ. ID NO:855)
5'- T GGC GGC CAC AGG CTG GG-3' (Fragment 849) (SEQ. ID NO:856)
5'- T GGC GGC CAC AGG CTG G-3' (Fragment 850) (SEQ. ID NO:857)
5'- T GGC GGC CAC AGG CTG -3' (Fragment 851) (SEQ. ID NO:858)
5'- T GGC GGC CAC AGG CT-3' (Fragment 852) (SEQ. ID NO:859)
5'- T GGC GGC CAC AGG C-3' (Fragment 853) (SEQ. ID NO:860)
5'- T GGC GGC CAC AGG -3' (Fragment 854) (SEQ. ID NO:861)
5'- T GGC GGC CAC AG-3' (Fragment 855) (SEQ. ID NO:862)
5'- T GGC GGC CAC A-3' (Fragment 856) (SEQ. ID NO:863)
5'- T GGC GGC CAC-3' (Fragment 857) (SEQ. ID NO:864)
5'- GGC GGC CAC AGG CTG GGC-3' (Fragment 858) (SEQ. ID NO:865)
5'- GGC GGC CAC AGG CTG GG-3' (Fragment 859) (SEQ. ID NO:866)
5'- GGC GGC CAC AGG CTG G-3' (Fragment 860) (SEQ. ID NO:867)
5'- GGC GGC CAC AGG CTG -3' (Fragment 861) (SEQ. ID NO:868)
5'- GGC GGC CAC AGG CT-3' (Fragment 862) (SEQ. ID NO:869)
5'- GGC GGC CAC AGG C-3' (Fragment 863) (SEQ. ID NO:870)
5'- GGC GGC CAC AGG -3' (Fragment 864) (SEQ. ID NO:871)
5'- GGC GGC CAC AG-3' (Fragment 865) (SEQ. ID NO:872)
5'- GGC GGC CAC A-3' (Fragment 866) (SEQ. ID NO:873)
5'- GC GGC CAC AGG CTG GGC-3' (Fragment 867) (SEQ. ID NO:874)
5'- GC GGC CAC AGG CTG GG-3' (Fragment 868) (SEQ. ID NO:875)

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5'- GC GGG CAC AGG CTG G-3' (Fragment 869) (SEQ. ID NO:876)
5'- GC GGG CAC AGG CTG -3' (Fragment 870) (SEQ. ID NO:877)
5'- GC GGG CAC AGG CT-3' (Fragment 871) (SEQ. ID NO:878)
5'- GC GGG CAC AGG C-3' (Fragment 872) (SEQ. ID NO:879)
5'- GC GGG CAC AGG -3' (Fragment 873) (SEQ. ID NO:880)
5'- GC GGG CAC AG-3' (Fragment 874) (SEQ. ID NO:881)
5'- C GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3' (Fragment 875) (SEQ. ID NO:882)
5'- C GGG CAC AGG CTG GG-3' (Fragment 876) (SEQ. ID NO:883)
5'- C GGG CAC AGG CTG G-3' (Fragment 877) (SEQ. ID NO:884)
5'- C GGG CAC AGG CTG -3' (Fragment 878) (SEQ. ID NO:885)
5'- C GGG CAC AGG CT-3' (Fragment 879) (SEQ. ID NO:886)
5'- C GGG CAC AGG C-3' (Fragment 880) (SEQ. ID NO:887)
5'- C GGG CAC AGG -3' (Fragment 881) (SEQ. ID NO:888)
5'- GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3' (Fragment 882) (SEQ. ID NO:889)
5'- GGG CAC AGG CTG GG-3' (Fragment 883) (SEQ. ID NO:890)
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5'- GG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3' (Fragment 888) (SEQ. ID NO:895)
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5'- GG CAC AGG CTG G-3' (Fragment 890) (SEQ. ID NO:897)
5'- GG CAC AGG CTG -3' (Fragment 891) (SEQ. ID NO:898)
5'- GG CAC AGG CT-3' (Fragment 892) (SEQ. ID NO:899)
5'- G CAC AGG CTG GGC-3' (Fragment 893) (SEQ. ID NO:900)
5'- G CAC AGG CTG GG-3' (Fragment 894) (SEQ. ID NO:901)
5'- G CAC AGG CTG G-3' (Fragment 895) (SEQ. ID NO:902)
5'- G CAC AGG CTG -3' (Fragment 896) (SEQ. ID NO:903)
5'- CAC AGG CTG GGC-3' (Fragment 897) (SEQ. ID NO:904)
5'- CAC AGG CTG GG-3' (Fragment 898) (SEQ. ID NO:905)
5'- CAC AGG CTG G-3' (Fragment 899) (SEQ. ID NO:906)
5'- AC AGG CTG GGC-3' (Fragment 900) (SEQ. ID NO:907)
5'- AC AGG CTG GG-3' (Fragment 901) (SEQ. ID NO:908)
5'- C AGG CTG GGC-3' (Fragment 902) (SEQ. ID NO:909)
5'-GGC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3'
(Fragment 903) (SEQ. ID NO:910)
5'-GC GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3'
(Fragment 904) (SEQ. ID NO:911)
5'-C GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3'
(Fragment 905) (SEQ. ID NO:912)
5'-GGC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3'
(Fragment 906) (SEQ. ID NO:913)
5'-GC CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3'
(Fragment 907) (SEQ. ID NO:914)
5'-C CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3'
(Fragment 908) (SEQ. ID NO:915)
5'-CTG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3'

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(Fragment 909) (SEQ. ID NO:916)
5'-TG GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3'
(Fragment 910) (SEQ. ID NO:917)
5'-G GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3'
(Fragment 911) (SEQ. ID NO:918)
5'-GAA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3'
(Fragment 912) (SEQ. ID NO:919)
5'-AA AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3'
(Fragment 913) (SEQ. ID NO:920)
5'-A AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3'
(Fragment 914) (SEQ. ID NO:921)
5'-AGC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3'
(Fragment 915) (SEQ. ID NO:922)
5'-GC TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3'
(Fragment 916) (SEQ. ID NO:923)
5'-C TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3'
(Fragment 917) (SEQ. ID NO:924)
5'-TGA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3'
(Fragment 918) (SEQ. ID NO:925)
5'-GA GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3'
(Fragment 919) (SEQ. ID NO:926)
5'-A GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3' (Fragment 920) (SEQ. ID NO:927)
5'-GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3' (Fragment 921) (SEQ. ID NO:928)
5'-AT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3' (Fragment 922) (SEQ. ID NO:929)
5'-T GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3' (Fragment 923) (SEQ. ID NO:930)
5'-GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3' (Fragment 924) (SEQ. ID NO:931)
5'-GA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3' (Fragment 925) (SEQ. ID NO:932)
5'-A GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3' (Fragment 926) (SEQ. ID NO:933)
5'-GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3' (Fragment 927) (SEQ. ID NO:934)
5'-GG CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3' (Fragment 928) (SEQ. ID NO:935)
5'-G CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3' (Fragment 929) (SEQ. ID NO:936)
5'-CGG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3' (Fragment 930) (SEQ. ID NO:937)
5'-GG CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3' (Fragment 931) (SEQ. ID NO:938)
5'-G CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3' (Fragment 932) (SEQ. ID NO:939)
5'-CAT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3' (Fragment 933) (SEQ. ID NO:940)
5'-AT GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3' (Fragment 934) (SEQ. ID NO:941)
5'-T GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3' (Fragment 935) (SEQ. ID NO:942)
5'-GGC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3' (Fragment 936) (SEQ. ID NO:943)
5'-GC GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3' (Fragment 937) (SEQ. ID NO:944)
5'-C GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3' (Fragment 938) (SEQ. ID NO:945)
5'-GGG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3' (Fragment 939) (SEQ. ID NO:946)
5'-GG CAC AGG CTG GGC-3' (Fragment 940) (SEQ. ID NO:947)
5'-G CAC AGG CTG GGC-3' (Fragment 941) (SEQ. ID NO:948)
5'-CAC AGG CTG GGC-3' (Fragment 942) (SEQ. ID NO:949)
5'-AC AGG CTG GGC-3' (Fragment 943) (SEQ. ID NO:950)
5'-C AGG CTG GGC-3' (Fragment 944) (SEQ. ID NO:951)
5'-AGG CTG GGC-3' (Fragment 945) (SEQ. ID NO:952)

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Other adenosine fragments, for example those with low adenosine content or lacking adenosine altogether, are also suitable and in some cases even preferred, for use with the invention. The following sequences, their fragments and combinations, are one particularly preferred group of anti-sense oligos.

TTT TCC TTC CTT TGT CTC TCT TC (FRAG 946) (SEQ. ID NO: 953)
GCT CCC GGC TGC CTG (FRAG 947) (SEQ. ID NO: 954)
CTC GGC CGT GCG GCT CTG TCG CTC CCG GT (FRAG 948) (SEQ. ID NO: 955)
CCG CCG CCC TCC GGG GGG TC (FRAG 949) (SEQ. ID NO: 956)
TGC TGC CGT TGG CTG CCC (FRAG 950) (SEQ. ID NO: 957)
CTT CTG CGG GTC GCC GG (FRAG 951) (SEQ. ID NO: 958)
TGC TGG GCT TGT GGC (FRAG 952) (SEQ. ID NO: 959)
GGC CTC TCT TCT GGG (FRAG 953) (SEQ. ID NO: 960)
CCT GGT CCC TCC GT (FRAG 954) (SEQ. ID NO: 961)
GGT GGC TCC TCT GC (FRAG 955) (SEQ. ID NO: 962)
GCT TGG TCC TGG GGC TGC (FRAG 956) (SEQ. ID NO: 963)
TGC TCT CCT CTC CTT (FRAG 957) (SEQ. ID NO: 964)

In another embodiment of this invention, the oligos are anti-sense to an adenosine A_{2a} receptor, and must either be "up-regulated", or if they have some adenosine A₁ activity they are treated as the other anti-sense oligos. The following sequences are preferred examples of anti-sense oligos associated with the human adenosine A_{2a} receptor. Another preferred group is composed of fragments of these sequences and combinations thereof as well as mixtures. Also preferred are these sequences, fragments and their combinations where one or more adenosines are substituted by a universal base or an adenosine analogue which either is not an agonist or a ligand for the adenosine A₁ receptor, or which acts as an antagonist of the A₁ receptor, such as, for example, theophylline or enprophylline.

5'-TGC TTT TCT TTT CTG GGC CTC-3' (FRAG 958) (SEQ. ID NO: 965)
5'-TGT GGT CTG TTT TTT TCT G-3' (FRAG 959) (SEQ. ID NO: 966)
5'-GCC CTG CTG GGG CGC TCT CC-3' (FRAG 960) (SEQ. ID NO: 967)
5'-GCC GCC CGC CTG GCT CCC-3' (FRAG 961) (SEQ. ID NO: 968)

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5'-GGB GCC CBT GBT GGG CBT GCC-3' (FRAG 962) (SEQ. ID NO: 969)
 5'-GTG GTT CTT GCC CTC CTT TGG CTG-3' (FRAG 963) (SEQ. ID NO: 970)
 5'-CCG TGC CCG CTC CCC GGC-3' (FRAG 964) (SEQ. ID NO: 971)
 5'-CTC CTG GCG GGT GGC CGT TG-3' (FRAG 965) (SEQ. ID NO: 972)
 5'-GGC CCG TGT TCC CCT GGG-3' (FRAG 966) (SEQ. ID NO: 973)
 5'-GCC TGG GGC TCC CTT CTC TC-3' (FRAG 967) (SEQ. ID NO: 974)
 5'-GCC CTT CTT GCT GGG CCT C-3' (FRAG 968) (SEQ. ID NO: 975)
 5'-TGC TGC TGC TGG TGC TGT GGC CCC C-3' (FRAG 969) (SEQ. ID NO: 976)
 GTACACCGAGGAGCCCATGATGGGCATGCCACAGACGACAGGC (FRAG 970) (SEQ. ID NO: 977)
 GTBCBCCGBGGBGCCCBTGBTGGGCBTGCCBCBGBCCBCBGGC (FRAG 971) (SEQ. ID NO: 978)

In another embodiment, the anti-sense oligo of the invention may be a sequence which is anti-sense to the adenosine A_{2b} receptor. By means of example, the following sequences associated with the human receptor are provided. These sequences as well as their fragments and combinations, desadenosine fragments and those where one or more A are substituted with a universal base or adenosine analogue as described above are preferred.

5'-GGC GCC GTG CCG CGT CTT GGT GGC GGC GG-3' (FRAG 972) (SEQ. ID NO: 979)
 5'-GTT CGC GCC CGC GCG GGG CCC CTC CGG TCC-3' (FRAG 973) (SEQ. ID NO: 980)
 5'-TTG GCC CGC GCG CCC GCC CGT CTC GGG CTG GGC GG-3' (FRAG 974) (SEQ. ID NO: 981)
 5'-CGG GTC GGG GCC CCC CGC GGC C-3' (FRAG 975) (SEQ. ID NO: 982)
 5'-GCC TCG GGG CTG GGG CGC TGG TGG CCG GG-3' (FRAG 976) (SEQ. ID NO: 983)
 5'-CCG CGC CTC CGC CTG CCG CTT CTG-3' (FRAG 977) (SEQ. ID NO: 984)
 5'-GCT GGG CCC CGG GCG CCC CCT-3' (FRAG 978) (SEQ. ID NO: 985)
 5'-CCC CTC TTG CTC GGG TCC CCG TG-3' (FRAG 979) (SEQ. ID NO: 986)
 ACAGCGCGTCCTGTGTCTCCAGCAGCATGGCCGGGCCAGCTGGGCCCC
 (FRAG 980) (SEQ. ID NO: 987)
 BCBGCGCGTCCTGTGTCTCCBGCBCBTGGCCGGGCCBGCTGGGCCCC
 (FRAG 981) (SEQ. ID NO: 988)

In still another embodiment, the oligo of this invention may be anti-sense to any fragment of the adenosine A₃ receptor gene or mRNA, including overlapping regions with the flanking regions or introns. The following are examples of these fragments associated with the human receptor. These are preferred sequences. Also

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preferred are their fragments and combinations, as well as desadenosine fragments and those where one or more A are substituted by a universal base or A analogue as described above.

ACA GAG CA TGC TGT TGT TGG GCA TCT TGC CTT CCC AGG G
(FRAG 982) (SEQ. ID NO: 989)
BCB GBG CB TGC TGT TGT TGG GCB TCT TGC CTT CCC BGG G
(FRAG 983) (SEQ. ID NO: 990)
CCC TTT TCT GGT GGG GTG (FRAG 984) (SEQ. ID NO: 991)
GTG CTG TTG TTG GGC (FRAG 985) (SEQ. ID NO: 992)
TTT CTT CTG TTC CC (FRAG 986) (SEQ. ID NO: 993)
CCC TTT TCT GGT GGG GTG (FRAG 987) (SEQ. ID NO: 994)
GTG CTG TTG TTG GGC (FRAG 988) (SEQ. ID NO: 995)
TTT CTT CTG TTC CC (FRAG 989) (SEQ. ID NO: 996)

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In the anti-sense oligonucleotides of the present invention, exemplified by the preceding sequences, a number of adenosine bases may be replaced with an appropriate "spacer" or universal base (e.g., 1- $[\beta$ -D-2'-deoxyribofuranosyl]-5-nitroindole), or with an adenosine agonist or antagonist that does not stimulate adenosine A₁, A_{2b} or A₃ receptors, but which may stimulate adenosine A_{2a} receptors. In this manner, a specific adenosine receptor gene may be targeted to obtain one or more anti-sense oligonucleotide(s) (oligos) that selectively bind(s) to the corresponding mRNA, and then, if necessary, their content of adenosine may be reduced by substituting one or more universal bases or adenosine analogues incapable of activating adenosine A₁, A_{2b} or A₃ receptors or which activate the adenosine A_{2a} receptor. Thus, in addition to "down-regulating" specific adenosine receptor genes, the present oligos have an increased effect when administered by either selection of genes, RNA and flanking regions that are devoid, or have a low A content, or alternatively one or more of the adenosine(s) present in the oligonucleotide(s) are substituted with other nucleotide bases, so called universal bases, which bind to thymidine (T) but lack the ability to activate adenosine receptors and otherwise may

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not activate adenosine receptors. Given that adenosine (A) is a nucleotide base complementary to thymidine (T), when a T appears in the RNA, the anti-sense oligo will have an A at the same position.

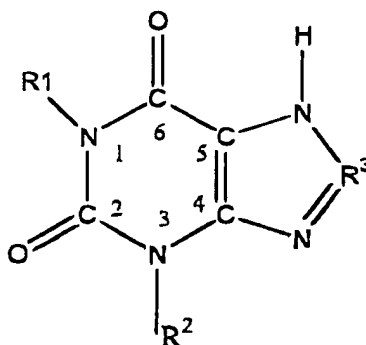
The method of the present invention may be used to treat ailments associated with or causing bronchoconstriction, allergy(ies) and/or inflammation associated with any of the diseases and conditions described above in a subject, regardless of its cause. The anti-sense agent(s) of the invention have preferably a low (or reduced) A content to prevent its liberation upon in vivo degradation of the agent(s), preferably up to about 15%, more preferably up to about 10%, still more preferably up to about 5%, and even more preferred being devoid of A ("desadenosine oligos").

The oligos of this invention may be obtained by first selecting fragments of a target nucleic acid having at least 4 contiguous nucleic acids selected from the group consisting of G and C, and then obtaining a first oligonucleotide 4 to 60 nucleotide long which comprises the selected fragment and has a C and G nucleic acid content of up to and including about 15%. The latter step may be conducted by obtaining a second oligonucleotide 4 to 60 nucleotide long comprising a sequence which is anti-sense to the selected fragment, the second oligonucleotide having an adenosine base content of up to and including about 15%. This method may also comprise, when the selected fragment comprises at least one thymidine base, substituting an adenosine base in the corresponding nucleotide of the anti-sense fragment with a universal base selected from the group consisting of heteroaromatic bases which bind to a thymidine base but have antagonist activity and less than about 0.3 of the adenosine base agonist activity at the adenosine A₁, A_{2b} and A₃ receptors, and heteroaromatic bases which have no activity or have an agonist activity at the adenosine A_{2a} receptor. The analogue heteroaromatic bases may be selected from all pyrimidines and purines, which may be substituted by O, halo, NH₂, SH, SO, SO₂, SO₃, COOH and branched and fused primary and secondary amino, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl,

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heterocycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, alkoxy, alkenoxy, acyl, cycloacyl, arylacyl, alkynoxy, cycloalkoxy, aroyl, arylthio, arylsulfoxyl, halocycloalkyl, alkylcycloalkyl, alkenylcycloalkyl, alkynylcycloalkyl, haloaryl, alkylaryl, alkenylaryl, alkynylaryl, arylalkyl, arylalkenyl, arylalkynyl, arylcycloalkyl, which may be further substituted by O, halo, NH₂, primary, secondary and tertiary amine, SH, SO, SO₂, SO₃, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl and heteroaryl. The pyrimidines and purines may be substituted at all positions as is known in the art, but preferred are those which are substituted at positions 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 and/or 8. More preferred are pyrimidines and purines such as theophylline, caffeine, dyphylline, etophylline, acephylline piperazine, bamifylline, enprofylline and xantine having the chemical formula



wherein R¹ and R² are independently H, alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl and R³ is H, aryl, dicycloalkyl, dicycloalkenyl, dicycloalkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, cycloalkynyl, O-cycloalkyl, O-cycloalkenyl, O-cycloalkynyl, NH₂-alkylamino-ketoxyalkyloxy-aryl, mono and dialkylaminoalkyl-N-alkylamino-SO₂ aryl, among others. However, other methods may also be employed. The inventor reduced the adenosine content of the anti-sense oligos corresponding to the thymidines (T) present in the target gene, RNA, flanking regions, and bridging sections to less than about 15%, or fully eliminated A from the oligonucleotide sequence as a means for preventing their breakdown products from freeing adenosine into the lung tissue environment and, thereby, aggravating the subject's ailment and/or countering the beneficial effect of the administered.

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Also part of this invention are chemical analogues of the nucleic acids in which, for example, the phosphodiester bonds have been modified, e.g., to a methylphosphonate, a phosphotriester, a phosphorothioate, a phosphorodithioate, or a phosphoramidate, so as to render the nucleic acids more stable in vivo. The naturally occurring phosphodiester linkages in nucleic acids are susceptible to degradation by endogenously occurring cellular nucleases, while many analogous linkages are highly resistant to nuclease degradation. See Milligan et al., and Cohen, J. S., *supra*. The use of a "3'-end cap" strategy by which nuclease-resistant linkages are substituted for phosphodiester linkages at the 3' end of the oligonucleotide protects oligonucleotides from degradation. See, Tidd, D. M. and Warenus, H.M., *Br. J. Cancer* 60. 343-350 (1989); Shaw, J.P. et al., *Nucleic Acids Res.* 19, 747-750 (1991). Phosphoramidate, phosphorothioate, and methylphosphonate linkages are suitable for use in this invention. In addition, extensive modification of the phosphodiester backbone has been shown to impart stability and may allow for enhanced affinity and increased cellular permeation of oligonucleotides. See Milligan, et al., *supra*. Many different chemical strategies have been employed to replace the entire phosphodiester backbone with novel linkages. *Id.* The analogues of the oligonucleotides of the invention include phosphorothioate, phosphorodithioate, phosphorotrithioate, methylphosphonate, phosphoramidate, boranophosphate, phosphotriester, formacetal, 2'-O-methyl, Thioformacetal such as 3'-thioformacetal and 5'-thioformacetal, 5'-thioether, carbonate, 5'-N-carbamate, sulfate, sulfonate, sulfamate, sulfonamide, sulfone, sulfite, sulfoxide, sulfide, hydroxylamine, methylene (methylimino) (MMI) and methyleneoxy (methylimino) (MOMI) linkages, among others. The oligonucleotides of the invention may also be modified by addition of a terminal 1,3-propanediol or a terminal dodecanol, among others, or they may be conjugated to a polyethylene glycol, cholesterol, cholesteryl, dehydroepiandrosterone, dehydroepiandrosterone sulfate, dehydroepiandrosterone sulfatide, ubiquinone, dolichol, poly L-lysine, sulfatidic acid and fatty acid, among others. The oligos of the

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invention may also be modified by 2'-O-methoxyethyl, C-5-propynyl pyrimidine, C-5 methyl cytidine, C-5 ethynyl pyrimidine, 2'-propoxy, C-18 amine, N3'-P5' phosphoramidates, 3'-alkylamino, 2'-fluoro, 5-fluoro pyrimidine, 5-iodo pyrimidine, 5-bromo pyrimidine, 2'-borano, C-5 hexynyl pyrimidine, 2'-O-(2-methoxy)ethyl, 2'-O-aminopropyl, 5-(phenylethyl) and peptide nucleic acid interbase linkages. Phosphorothioate and methylphosphonate-modified oligonucleotides are particularly preferred because of their availability and suitability for automated oligonucleotide synthesis. Id. Anti-sense oligonucleotides containing modifications to the nucleotide base itself, e.g. a C-5 propyne, or to the sugar, e.g. a carbohydrate modification, are also aspects of the present invention.

Where appropriate, the antisense nucleotide may be administered in the form of their pharmaceutically acceptable salts or as a mixture.

Anti-sense oligonucleotides may be of any suitable length, e.g., from about 7 to 60 nucleotide in length, depending on the particular target being bound and their mode of delivery. Preferably the antisense oligonucleotide is directed to a gene or mRNA region containing a junction between intron and exon. Where the anti-sense oligonucleotide is directed to an intron/exon junction, it may either entirely overlie the junction or may be sufficiently close to the junction to inhibit the splicing out of the intervening exon during processing of precursor mRNA to mature mRNA, e.g., with the 3' or 5' terminus of the antisense oligonucleotide being positioned within about, for example, 10, 5, 3, or 2 nucleotide of the intron/exon junction. Also preferred are anti-sense oligonucleotides which overlap the initiation codon.

When practicing the present invention, the anti-sense oligonucleotides administered may be related in origin to the species to which it is administered. When treating humans, the anti-sense may be derived from human sequences. However, sequences obtained from one species are also suitable for administration to a second species.

The pharmaceutical compositions provided herein comprise nucleic acid(s)

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comprising the anti-sense oligonucleotide(s) described above and one or more surfactants. Suitable surfactants or surfactant components for enhancing the uptake of the anti-sense oligonucleotides of the invention include synthetic and natural as well as full and truncated forms of surfactant protein A, surfactant protein B, surfactant protein C, surfactant protein D and surfactant Protein E, di-saturated phosphatidylcholine (other than dipalmitoyl), dipalmitoylphosphatidylcholine, phosphatidylcholine, phosphatidylglycerol, phosphatidylinositol, phosphatidylethanolamine, phosphatidylserine; phosphatidic acid, ubiquinones, lysophosphatidylethanolamine, lysophosphatidylcholine, palmitoyl-lysophosphatidylcholine, dehydroepiandrosterone, dolichols, sulfatidic acid, glycerol-3-phosphate, dihydroxyacetone phosphate, glycerol, glycerol-3-phosphocholine, dihydroxyacetone, palmitate, cytidine diphosphate (CDP) diacylglycerol, CDP choline, choline, choline phosphate; as well as natural and artificial lamellar bodies which are the natural carrier vehicles for the components of surfactant, omega-3 fatty acids, polyenic acid, polyenoic acid, lecithin, palmitinic acid, non-ionic block copolymers of ethylene or propylene oxides, polyoxypropylene, monomeric and polymeric, polyoxyethylene, monomeric and polymeric, poly (vinyl amine) with dextran and/or alkanoyl side chains, polyoxy ethylene 23 lauryl ether (Brij 35[®]), t-octyl phenoxy polyethoxy ethanol (Triton X-100[®]), dipalmitoyl phosphatidyl choline (DPPC) and phosphatidyl glycerol (PG) (ALEC[®]), tyloxapol (Exosurf[®]), phospholipids, fatty acids and surfactant-associated proteins (Survanta[®]) and C₂₂H₁₉Cl₁₀ (Atovaquone[®]), among others. These surfactants may be used either as single or part of a multiple component surfactant in a formulation, or as covalently bound additions to the 5' and/or 3' ends of the anti-sense oligonucleotides (oligos).

These compositions are administered in amounts effective to reduce the expression of an adenosine receptor, such as the adenosine A₁, A_{2b} or A₃ receptor by passing through a cell membrane and binding specifically with mRNA encoding an

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adenosine A₁, A_{2b} or A₃ receptor in the cell and prevent its translation. In addition, the present oligos may be targeted to the adenosine A_{2a} receptor, as long as they have some anti-A₁, A_{2b} or A₃ receptor activity. Such compositions may contain a suitable pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, e.g., sterile pyrogen-free saline solution, and the like. The present pharmaceutical compositions may be formulated as topical and systemic formulations, in a variety of types, including oral, buccal, nasal, otical, rectal, inhalable, slow release, enteric coated, dermal, intradermal, injectable, and many more as is known in the art. The formulation of the invention may also comprise a hydrophobic carrier capable of passing through a cell membrane, e.g., in a liposome. with the liposomes carried in a pharmaceutically acceptable aqueous carrier. The oligonucleotides may also be coupled to a substance which inactivates mRNA, such as a ribozyme. The present compositions may be administered to a subject afflicted with a disease or condition associated with the stimulation of lung adenosine A₁, A_{2a}, A_{2b} or A₃ receptors, such as any of the ones described above, in order to inhibit the activation of the adenosine receptors. The pharmaceutical formulation may also contain chimeric molecules comprising antisense oligonucleotides attached to molecules which are known to be internalized by cells either in a non-specific or in a tissue-specific manner. These oligonucleotide conjugates utilize cellular uptake pathways to increase the cellular concentrations of oligonucleotides. Examples of macromolecules used in this manner include transferrin, asialoglycoprotein, e.g. bound to oligonucleotides via polylysine, streptavidin, or other chemical linkages.

The anti-sense compound may be contained in the pharmaceutical formulation within a lipid particle or vesicle, such as a liposome or microcrystal. The lipid particles may be of any suitable structure, such as unilamellar or plurilamellar, so long as the antisense oligonucleotide is contained therein. Positively charged lipids such as N- [1-(2, 3 -dioleoyloxi) propyl] -N, N, N-trimethyl-ammoniummethylsulfate, or "DOTAP," are particularly preferred for such particles and vesicles. The preparation

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of such lipid particles is well known. See, e.g., U.S. Patent Nos. 4,880,635 to Janoff et al.; 4,906,477 to Kurono et al.; 4,911,928 to Wallach; 4,917,951 to Wallach; 4,920,016 to Allen et al.; 4,921,757 to Wheatley et al.; etc.

The composition of the invention may be administered by any means which transports the anti-sense nucleotide and the surfactant composition to the lung. The antisense compounds disclosed herein may be administered to the lungs of a patient by any suitable means, but are preferably administered by inhalation of an aerosol comprised of respirable particles which comprise the anti-sense compound. The respirable particles may be liquid or solid, and they may optionally contain other therapeutic or diagnostic ingredients as well as other typical ingredients for a particular formulation. Examples of other agents are analgesics such as acetaminophen, anilerdine, aspirin, buprenorphine, butabital, butorphanol, Choline Salicylate, Codeine, Dezocine, Diclofenac, Diflunisal, Dihydrocodeine, Elcatonin, Etodolac, Fenoprofen, Hydrocodone, Hydromorphone, Ibuprofen, Ketoprofen, Ketorolac, Levorphanol, Magnesium Salicylate, Meclofenamate, Mefenamic Acid, Meperidine, Methadone, Methotrimeprazine, Morphine, Nalbuphine, Naproxen, Opium, Oxycodone, Oxymorphone, Pentazocine, Phenobarbital, Propoxyphene, Salsalate, Sodium Salicylate, Tramadol and Narcotic analgesics in addition to those listed above. See, Mosby's Physician's GenRx. Anti-anxiety agents are also useful including Alprazolam, Bromazepam, Buspirone, Chlordiazepoxide, Chlormezanone, Clorazepate, Diazepam, Halazepam, Hydroxyzine, Ketazolam, Lorazepam, Meprobamate, Oxazepam and Prazepam, among others. Anti-anxiety agents associated with mental depression, such as Chlordiazepoxide, Amitriptyline, Loxapine, Maprotiline and Perphenazine, among others. Anti-inflammatory agents such as non-rheumatic Aspirin, Choline Salicylate, Diclofenac, Diflunisal, Etodolac, Fenoprofen, Fluctafenine, Flurbiprofen, Ibuprofen, Indomethacin, Ketoprofen, Magnesium Salicylate, Meclofenamate, Mefenamic Acid, Nabumetone, Naproxen, Oxaprozin, Phenylbutazone, Piroxicam, Salsalate, Sodium Salicylate, Sulindac,

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Tenoxicam, Tiaprofenic Acid, Tolmetin, anti-inflammatories for ocular treatment such as Diclofenac, Flurbiprofen, Indomethacin, Ketorolac, Rimexolone (generally for post-operative treatment), anti-inflammatories for, non-infectious nasal applications such as Beclomethaxone, Budesonide, Dexamethasone, Flunisolide, Triamcinolone, and the like. Soporifics (anti-insomnia/sleep inducing agents) such as those utilized for treatment of insomnia, including Alprazolam, Bromazepam, Diazepam, Diphenhydramine, Doxylamine, Estazolam, Flurazepam, Halazepam, Ketazolam, Lorazepam, Nitrazepam, Prazepam, Quazepam, Temazepam, Triazolam, Zolpidem and Sopiclone, among others. Sedatives including Diphenhydramine, Hydroxyzine, Methotrimeprazine, Promethazine, Propofol, Melatonin, Trimeprazine, and the like. Sedatives and agents used for treatment of petit mal and tremors, among other conditions, such as Amitriptyline HCl; Chlordiazepoxide, Amobarbital; Secobarbital, Aprobarbital, Butabarbital, Ethchlorvynol, Glutethimide, L-Tryptophan, Mephobarbital, Methohexital Na, Midazolam HCl, Oxazepam, Pentobarbital Na, Phenobarbital, Secobarbital Na, Thiamylal Na, and many others. Agents used in the treatment of head trauma (Brain Injury/Ischemia), such as Enadoline HCl (e.g. for treatment of severe head injury; orphan status, Warner Lambert), cytoprotective agents, and agents for the treatment of menopause, menopausal symptoms (treatment), e.g. Ergotamine, Belladonna Alkaloids and Phenobarbital, for the treatment of menopausal vasomotor symptoms, e.g. Clonidine, Conjugated Estrogens and Medroxyprogesterone, Estradiol, Estradiol Cypionate, Estradiol Valerate, Estrogens, conjugated Estrogens, esterified Estrone, Estropipate, and Ethinyl Estradiol. Examples of agents for treatment of premenstrual syndrome (PMS) are Progesterone, Progestin, Gonadotrophic Releasing Hormone, Oral contraceptives, Danazol, Luprolide Acetate,

Vitamin B6. Examples of agents for treatment of emotional/psychiatric treatments such as Tricyclic Antidepressants, including Amitriptyline HCl (Elavil), Amitriptyline HCl, Perphenazine (Triavil) and Doxepin HCl (Sinequan). Examples of tranquilizers,

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anti-depressants and anti-anxiety agents are Diazepam (Valium), Lorazepam (Ativan), Alprazolam (Xanax), SSRI's (selective Serotonin reuptake inhibitors), Fluoxetine HCl (Prozac), Sertaline HCl (Zoloft), Paroxetine HCl (Paxil), Fluvoxamine Maleate (Luvox), Venlafaxine HCl (Effexor), Serotonin, Serotonin Agonists (Fenfluramine), and other over the counter (OTC) medications.

The composition of the present invention may be administered into the respiratory system as a formulation including particles of respirable size, e.g. particles of a size sufficiently small to pass through the nose, mouth and larynx upon inhalation and through the bronchi and alveoli of the lungs. In general, respirable particles range from about .5 to 10 microns in size. Particles of non-respirable size which are included in the aerosol tend to deposit in the throat and be swallowed, and the quantity of non-respirable particles in the aerosol is thus minimized. For nasal administration, a particle size in the range of 10-500 μm is preferred to ensure retention in the nasal cavity.

Liquid pharmaceutical compositions of active compound for producing an aerosol may be prepared by combining the antisense compound with a suitable vehicle, such as sterile pyrogen free water. Other therapeutic compounds may optionally be included.

Solid particulate compositions containing respirable dry particles of micronized antisense compound may be prepared by grinding dry antisense compound with a mortar and pestle, and then passing the micronized composition through a 400 mesh screen to break up or separate out large agglomerates. A solid particulate composition comprising of the antisense compound may optionally contain a dispersant which serves to facilitate the formation of an aerosol as well as other therapeutic compounds. A suitable dispersant is lactose, which may be blended with the antisense compound in any suitable ratio, e.g., a 1 to 1 ratio by weight.

The anti-sense compound may be administered in an anti-brochoconstriction, anti-allergy(ies) and/or anti-inflammatory effective amount, which amount depends

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upon the degree of disease being treated, the condition of the subject, the particular formulation, the route of administration, the timing of administration to a subject, etc. In general, intracellular concentrations of the oligonucleotide of from 0.05 to 50 μM , or more particularly 0.2 to 5 μM , are desirable. For administration to a subject such as a human, a dosage of about 0.01, 0.1, or 1 mg/Kg up to about 50, 100, or 150 mg/Kg or more is typically employed. However, other doses are also contemplated in this patent. Depending on the solubility of the active compound in any particular formulation, the daily dose may be divided among one or several unit dose administrations.

The aerosols of liquid particles comprising the antisense compound may be produced by any suitable means, such as with a nebulizer. See, e.g., U.S. Patent No. 4,501,729. Nebulizers are commercially available devices which transform solutions or suspensions of the active ingredient into a therapeutic aerosol mist either by means of acceleration of a compressed gas, typically air or oxygen, through a narrow venturi orifice or by means of ultrasonic agitation. Suitable formulations for use in nebulizers comprise the active ingredient in a liquid carrier in an amount of up to 40% w/w preferably less than 20% w/w of the formulation. The carrier is typically water or a dilute aqueous alcoholic solution, preferably made isotonic with body fluids by the addition of, for example, sodium chloride. Optional additives include preservatives if the formulation is not prepared sterile, for example, methyl hydroxybenzoate, antioxidants, flavorings, volatile oils, buffering agents and emulsifiers and other formulation surfactants.

The aerosols of solid particles comprising the active compound and surfactant may likewise be produced with any solid particulate medicament aerosol generator. Aerosol generators for administering solid particulate medicaments to a subject produce particles which are respirable, as explained above, and generate a volume of aerosol containing a predetermined metered dose of a medicament at a rate suitable for human administration. One illustrative type of solid particulate aerosol generator

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is an insufflator. Suitable formulations for administration by insufflation include finely comminuted powders which may be delivered by means of an insufflator or taken into the nasal cavity in the manner of a snuff. In the insufflator, the powder, e.g., a metered dose thereof effective to carry out the treatments described herein, is contained in capsules or cartridges, typically made of gelatin or plastic, which are either pierced or opened in situ and the powder delivered by air drawn through the device upon inhalation or by means of a manually-operated pump. The powder employed in the insufflator consists either solely of the active ingredient or of a powder blend comprising the active ingredient, a suitable powder diluent, such as lactose, and an optional surfactant. The active ingredient typically comprises from 0.1 to 100 w/w of the formulation. A second type of illustrative aerosol generator comprises a metered dose inhaler. Metered dose inhalers are pressurized aerosol dispensers, typically containing a suspension or solution formulation of the active ingredient in a liquified propellant. During use these devices discharge the formulation through a valve adapted to deliver a metered volume, typically from 10 to 150 μ l, to produce a fine particle spray containing the active ingredient. Suitable propellants include certain chlorofluorocarbon compounds, for example, dichlorodifluoromethane, trichlorofluoromethane, dichlorotetrafluoroethane and mixtures thereof. The formulation may additionally contain one or more co-solvents, for example, ethanol, emulsifiers and other formulation surfactants, such as oleic acid or sorbitan trioleate, anti-oxidants and suitable flavoring agents.

The aerosol, whether formed from solid or liquid particles, may be produced by the aerosol generator at a rate of from about 10 to 150 liters per minute, more preferably from about 30 to 150 liters per minute, and most preferably about 60 liters per minute. Aerosols containing greater amounts of medicament may be administered more rapidly.

The following examples are provided to illustrate the present invention, and should not be construed as limiting thereon. In these examples, μ M means

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micromolar, mL means milliliters, μm means micrometers, mm means millimeters, cm means centimeters, $^{\circ}\text{C}$ means degrees Celsius, μg means micrograms, mg means milligrams, g means grams, kg means kilograms, M means molar, and h means hours.

EXAMPLES

Example 1: Design and Synthesis of Anti-sense Oligonucleotides & Controls

The design of anti-sense oligonucleotides against the adenosine receptors is based on the primary and secondary structure of the target receptor mRNA. The anti-sense oligonucleotides are selected, and optimally modified, to target regions of mRNA which confer functional activity or stability to the mRNA and which preferably may overlap the initiation codon. For instance, regions that afford particularly strong binding, such as CG strings are preferred, i.e. runs of G and/or C, preferably at the 5'-end of the target region within the target gene or mRNA. However, other target sites within the molecule are suitable as well, particularly those which have low sequence overlapping with other gene sequences, thus increasing the specificity of the treatment.

Other oligonucleotides not totally complementary to the target mRNA, but containing identical nucleotide compositions on a w/w basis (controls), are included as controls in anti-sense experiments to demonstrate the specificity of the activity of the agents of this invention.

The primary and secondary structure of the human adenosine A_1 receptor mRNA was analyzed and used as described above to design anti-sense oligonucleotides, including the ones, whose sequences are provided. One anti-sense oligonucleotide (Oligo 1) was synthesized as a phosphorothioate, designated HAdA1AS, and has the following sequence:

5'-GAT GGA GGG CGG CAT GGC GGG-3' (SEQ ID NO:1)

As a control, a mis-matched phosphorothioate anti-sense nucleotide designated HAdA1MM was synthesized with the following sequence.

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5' -GTA GCA GGC GGG GAT GGG GGC-3' (SEQ ID NO:2)

The oligonucleotides of SEQ. ID NOS: 1 and 2 shown above have identical base contents and general sequence structures. Homology searches in GENBANK (release 85.0) and EMBL (release 40.0) indicated that the anti-sense oligonucleotide was specific for the human and rabbit adenosine A₁ receptor genes, and that the mismatched control was not a candidate for hybridization with any known gene sequence.

In the same manner, the primary and secondary structure of the human adenosine A₃ receptor mRNA was analyzed and various oligos selected, and the following two synthesized as phosphorothioate anti-sense oligonucleotides. The first anti-sense oligonucleotide (HAdA3AS1) synthesized has the following sequence.

5' -GTT GTT GGG CAT CTT GCC-3' (SEQ ID NO:3)

As a control, a mis-matched phosphorothioate anti-sense oligonucleotide (HAdA3MM1) was synthesized, which has the following sequence.

5' -GTA CTT GCG GAT CTA GGC-3' (SEQ ID NO:4)

The second phosphorothioate anti-sense oligonucleotide (HAdA3AS2) has the following sequence.

5' -GTG GGC CTA GCT CTC GCC-3' (SEQ ID NO:5)

As a control, its mis-matched oligonucleotide (HAdA3MM2) has the following sequence.

5' -GTC GGG GTA CCT GTC GGC-3' (SEQ ID NO:6)

All phosphorothioate oligonucleotides were synthesized on an Applied Biosystems Model 396 Oligonucleotide Synthesizer, and purified using NENSORB chromatography (DuPont, MD).

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**Example 2: In Vitro Testing of A₁-Adenosine
Receptor Anti-sense Oligonucleotides**

The anti-sense oligonucleotide against the human A₁ receptor (SEQ ID NO:1) described above was tested for efficacy in an in vitro model utilizing lung adenocarcinoma cells HTB-54. HTB-54 lung adenocarcinoma cells were demonstrated to express the A₁ adenosine receptor using standard northern blotting procedures and receptor probes designed and synthesized in the laboratory.

HTB-54 human lung adenocarcinoma cells (10⁶/100 mm tissue culture dish) were exposed to 5.0 μ M HAdAlAS or HAdAlMM for 24 hours, with a fresh change of media and oligonucleotides after 12 hours of incubation. Following 24 hour exposure to the oligonucleotides, cells were harvested and their RNA extracted by standard procedures. A 21-mer probe corresponding to the region of mRNA targeted by the anti-sense (and therefore having the same sequence as the anti-sense, but not phosphorothioated) was synthesized and used to probe northern blots of RNA prepared from HAdAlAS-treated, HAdAlMM-treated and non-treated HTB-54 cells. These blots showed clearly that HAdAlAS but not HAdAlMM effectively reduced human adenosine receptor mRNA by >50%. This result showed that HAdAlAS is a good candidate for an anti-asthma drug since it depletes intracellular mRNA for the adenosine A₁ receptor, which is involved in asthma.

**Example 3: In Vivo Efficacy of A₁ Adenosine
Receptor Anti-sense Oligonucleotides**

A fortuitous homology between the rabbit and human DNA sequences within the adenosine A₁ gene overlapping the initiation codon permitted the use of the phosphorothioate anti-sense oligonucleotides initially designed for use against the human adenosine A₁ receptor in a rabbit model.

Neonatal New Zealand white Pasteurella-free rabbits were immunized intraperitoneally within 24 hours of birth with 312 antigen units/mL house dust mite (*D. farinae*) extract (Berkeley Biologicals, Berkeley, CA), mixed with 10% kaolin.

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Immunizations were repeated weekly for the first month and then biweekly for the next 2 months. At 3-4 months of age, eight sensitized rabbits were anesthetized and relaxed with a mixture of ketamine hydrochloride (44 mg/kg) and acepromazine maleate (0.4 mg/kg) administered intramuscularly.

The rabbits were then laid supine in a comfortable position on a small molded, padded animal board and intubated with a 4.0-mm intratracheal tube (Mallinkrodt, Inc., Glens Falls, NY). A polyethylene catheter of external diameter 2.4 mm with an attached latex balloon was passed into the esophagus and maintained at the same distance (approximately 16 cm) from the mouth throughout the experiments. The intratracheal tube was attached to a heated Fleisch pneumotachograph (size 00; DOM Medical, Richmond, VA), and flow was measured using a Validyne differential pressure transducer (Model DP-45161927; Validyne Engineering Corp., Northridge, CA) driven by a Gould carrier amplifier (Model 11-4113; Gould Electronic, Cleveland, OH). The esophageal balloon was attached to one side of the differential pressure transducer, and the outflow of the intratracheal tube was connected to the opposite side of the pressure transducer to allow recording of transpulmonary pressure. Flow was integrated to give a continuous tidal volume, and measurements of total lung resistance (RL) and dynamic compliance (Cdyn) were calculated at isovolumetric and flow zero points, respectively, using an automated respiratory analyzer (Model 6; Buxco, Sharon, CT).

Animals were randomized and on Day 1 pretreatment values for PC50 were obtained for aerosolized adenosine. Anti-sense (HAdA1AS) or mismatched control (HAdA1MM) oligonucleotides were dissolved in sterile physiological saline at a concentration of 5000 μ g (5 mg) per 1.0 ml. Animals were subsequently administered the aerosolized anti-sense or mismatch oligonucleotide via the intratracheal tube (approximately 5000 μ g in a volume of 1.0 ml), twice daily for two days. Aerosols of either saline, adenosine, or anti-sense or mismatch oligonucleotides were generated by an ultrasonic nebulizer (DeVilbiss, Somerset, PA), producing aerosol droplets 80% of

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which were smaller than 5 μ m in diameter.

In the first arm of the experiment, four randomly selected allergic rabbits were administered anti-sense oligonucleotide and four the mismatched control oligonucleotide. On the morning of the third day, PC50 values (the concentration of aerosolized adenosine in mg/ml required to reduce the dynamic compliance of the bronchial airway 50% from the baseline value) were obtained and compared to PC50 values obtained for these animals prior to exposure to oligonucleotide.

Following a 1 week interval, animals were crossed over, with those previously administered mismatch control oligonucleotide now administered anti-sense oligonucleotide, and those previously treated with anti-sense oligonucleotide now administered mismatch control oligonucleotide. Treatment methods and measurements were identical to those employed in the first arm of the experiment. It should be noted that in six of the eight animals treated with anti-sense oligonucleotide, adenosine-mediated bronchoconstriction could not be obtained up to the limit of solubility of adenosine, 20 mg/ml. For the purpose of calculation, PC50 values for these animals were set at 20 mg/ml. The values given therefore represent a minimum figure for anti-sense effectiveness. Actual effectiveness was higher. The results of this experiment are illustrated in both Figure 1 and Table 1.

Table 1: Adenosine A₁ Receptor Anti-sense Oligonucleotide Effect upon PC50 Values in Asthmatic Rabbits

Mismatch Control		A ₁ Receptor Anti-sense Oligonucleotide	
Pre oligonucleotide	Post oligonucleotide	Pre oligonucleotide	Post oligonucleotide
3.56 \pm 1.02	5.16 \pm 1.93	2.36 \pm 0.68	>19.5 \pm 0.34**

Results are presented as the mean (n=8) \times SEM. Significance was determined by repeated-measures analysis of variance (ANOVA), and Tukey's protected t test. **Significantly different from all other groups, p<0.01.

In both arms of the experiment, animals receiving the anti-sense

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oligonucleotide showed an order of magnitude increase in the dose of aerosolized adenosine required to reduce dynamic compliance of the lung by 50%. No effect of the mismatched control oligonucleotide upon PC50 values was observed. No toxicity was observed in any animal receiving either anti-sense or control inhaled oligonucleotide.

These results show clearly that the lung has exceptional potential as a target for anti-sense oligonucleotide-based therapeutic intervention in lung disease. They further show, in a model system which closely resembles human asthma, that down regulation of the adenosine A₁ receptor largely eliminates adenosine-mediated bronchoconstriction in asthmatic airways. Bronchial hyper-responsiveness in the allergic rabbit model of human asthma is an excellent endpoint for anti-sense intervention since the tissues involved in this response lie near to the point of contact with aerosolized oligonucleotides, and the model closely simulates an important human disease.

Example 4: Specificity of A₁-adenosine Receptor Anti-sense Oligonucleotide

At the conclusion of the crossover experiment of Example 3, airway smooth muscle from all rabbits was quantitatively analyzed for adenosine A₁ receptor number. As a control for the specificity of the anti-sense oligonucleotide, adenosine A₂ receptors, which should not have been affected, were also quantified.

Airway smooth muscle tissue was dissected from each rabbit and a membrane fraction prepared according to described methods (Kleinstein, J., and Glossmann, H., Naunyn-Schmiedeberg's Arch. Pharmacol. 305, 191-200 (1978), with slight modifications. Crude plasma membrane preparations were stored at -70°C until the time of assay. Protein content was determined by the method of Bradford (M. Bradford, Anal. Biochem. 72, 240-254 (1976)). Frozen plasma membranes were thawed at room temperature and were incubated with 0.2 U/ml adenosine deaminase for 30 minutes at 37°C to remove endogenous adenosine. The binding of [³H]

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DPCPX (A_1 receptor-specific) or [3H] CGS-21680 (A_2 receptor-specific) was measured as previously described. See, Ali, S., et al., J. Pharmacol. Exp. Ther. 268, 1328-1334 (1994); S. Ali et al., Am. J. Physiol. 266, L271-277 (1994).

As illustrated in both Figure 2 and Table 2, animals treated with adenosine A_1 anti-sense oligonucleotide in the crossover experiment had a nearly 75% decrease in A_1 receptor number compared to controls, as assayed by specific binding of the A_1 -specific antagonist DPCPX. There was no change in adenosine A_2 receptor number, as assayed by specific binding of the A_2 receptor-specific agonist 2- [p- (2-carboxyethyl)-phenethylamino] -5'-(N-ethylcarboxamido) adenosine (CGS-21680).

Table 2: Specificity or Action of Adenosine A_1 Receptor Anti-sense Oligonucleotide

	Mismatch Control Oligonucleotide	A_1 -Anti-sense Oligonucleotide
	(Mean \pm SD) n=8	(Mean \pm SD) n=8
A_1 -Specific Binding	1,105 \pm 48**	293 \pm 18
A_2 -Specific Binding	302 \pm 22**	442 \pm 171

Significance was determined by repeated-measures analysis of variance (ANOVA), and Tukey's protected t test. **Significantly different from mismatch control, $p < 0.01$.

Example 5: In Vivo Response to Adenosine Challenge with & without Oligo I Pretreatment

Two hyper responsive monkeys (ascaris sensitive) were challenged with inhaled adenosine, with and without pre-treatment with anti-sense oligo I (SEQ.ID NO: 1). The PC_{40} adenosine was calculated from the data collected as being equivalent to that amount of adenosine in mg that causes a 40% decrease in dynamic compliance in hyper-responsive airways.

The Oligo I (SEQ. ID NO:1; EPI 2010) was subsequently administered at 10 mg/day for 2 days by inhalation. On the third day, PC adenosine was again measured. The results are shown in Figure 3 accompanying this patent. The left bar shows the

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PC₄₀ adenosine value prior to treatment with Oligo I whereas the right bar shows the PC₄₀ adenosine taken after administration of Oligo I. As can be seen in Figure 3, any sensitivity to adenosine was completely eliminated by the administration of the oligo of this invention in one animal, and substantially reduced in the second.

The foregoing examples are illustrative of the present invention, but are not to be construed as limiting thereof. The invention is further defined by the following claims, with equivalents of the claims to be included therein.

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**COMPOSITION, FORMULATIONS & METHOD FOR PREVENTION &
TREATMENT OF DISEASES AND CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH
BRONCHOCONSTRICTION, ALLERGY(IES) & INFLAMMATION**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A pharmaceutical composition effective for preventing and alleviating bronchoconstriction, lung allergy(ies) and inflammation comprises a surfactant and an oligonucleotide anti-sense to an adenosine receptor gene, flanking regions or regions bridging the intro/exon borders, analogues which bind thymidine but have low adenosine content or exhibit lower or no adenosine receptor agonist activity, or antisense to the
10 corresponding mRNA, combinations, salts or mixtures thereof, and a carrier, and optionally other therapeutic agents and formulation products. The composition is formulated for administration by a multiplicity of routes, and finds applications in the prevention and treatment of asthma, kidney damage or failure, ARDS, pulmonary vasoconstriction, inflammation, allergies, impeded respiration, respiratory distress
15 syndrome, pain, cystic fibrosis, pulmonary hypertension, pulmonary vasoconstriction, emphysema, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and cancer, to counter the renal damage and failure associated with ischemic conditions and the administration of certain drugs and radio active diagnostic and therapeutic agents, as well as a joint therapy with the administration of adenosine and adenosine-like agents in the treatment of
20 arrhythmias such as SVT and in cardiovascular function tests (stress tests). The present agent(s) is (are) also suitable for administration before, during and after other treatments, including radiation, chemotherapy, antibody therapy, phototherapy and cancer, and other types of surgery.

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